

Oskar Lafontaine, right, applauding Thursday at the Socialists' congress as Rudolf Scharping, left, was consoled by Johannes Rau, deputy party leader.

# Germany's Social Democrats Veer Left Once More

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

BONN - Rudolf Scharping, the unloved head of Germany's beleaguered opposition Social Democrats, was ousted from the party's leadership Thursday in a Mr. Scharping looking stunned, climaxed surprise vote that reflected both Germonths of internal bickering and desermany's political turbulence and the party's aversion to his lackluster style.

In a ballot at the Social Democrats' annual congress in the southern city of Mannheim, Mr. Scharping lost by a dramatic 321-to-190 vote to a long-standing

offering the party a way out of the dol-

The vote, which left the 48-year-old tions that saw the left-leaning Social Democrats plumb their lowest-ever levels of popularity...

The first task facing the 52-year-old Mr. Lafontaine, the Social Democrats' failed candidate in the 1990 national elec-

the gathering was seen by delegates as only 28 percent of a national vote, compared with 44 percent for Chancellor Heimut Kohl's Christian Democrats.

Mr. Lafontaine will also have to offer a lead on the party's approach to the issue of a single European currency. Before his ouster, Mr. Scharping had spoken against a common monetary regime that would leave Germans with a currency weaker than their all-powerful Deutsche mark. Germany and the environmentalist

Mr. Lafontaine has been more cautious, insisting on the Social Democrats' Eu-

rival, Oskar Lafontaine, the state premier tions, will be to try to reverse his party's ropean credentials but calling for closer of the Saarland, whose stirring oratory at standings in opinion surveys giving it political ties between European Union states to accompany moves toward a single currency, set to begin in 1999. "We are and remain the European party of

Germany," he said. Mr. Lafontaine, a leader of the Social Democrats' pacifist, left-wing faction, is expected to push the party back toward its leftist roots and cultivate eloser ties with both the former Communists in eastern

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# **Chinese Denounce Big Nuclear Powers**

# U.S., Russia, Britain and France Are Accused of Inconsistencies

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEUING — Issuing a major policy statement on arms control, China sharply rebuked the United States, Russia, Britain and France on Thursday for continuing to develop "nuclear weapons and outer space weapons, including guided missile defense systems" while allegedly seeking in some

cases to deny the peaceful use of nuclear technology to the developing world.

The policy document, issued by the official Xinhua press agency, said the world's major ouclear powers "on the one hand, vie with one another in dumping their advanced weapons on the international market, even using weapons transfers as a means to interfere in other nations' domestic affairs, and on the other, they resort to discriminative anti-proliferation and arms control measures, directing the spearhead of arms control at the developing

Without mentioning Taiwan, the doc-ument implicitly warned the United States that Beijing regarded arms sales to Taiwan as interference in its internal affairs.

The policy declaration was also sig-nificant in that it appeared to express for the first time China's formal opposition to a U.S. proposal to deploy ballistic missile defense systems in Asia to protect Japan and American military forces there from ballistie missile threats, principally from North Korea. Until oow, individual Chinese officials have stated opposition to the missile program in background briefings. China believes a missile defense system

in Asia could potentially undermine the effectiveness of its strategic nuclear forces, which were developed to hold U.S., Japanese and Russian targets at risk of retaliation in any nuclear conflict.

Chinese officials were alarmed when, in May, President Bill Clinton and President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia agreed that their countries should cooperate in developing ballistie missile defenses. China has asked Russia through diplomatic channels to clarify its intentions with regard to cooperation with the United States.

In a larger context, China's policy pre-

sentation was made to a world and regional audience that is concerned with fundamental security questions in Asia, such as rising military tensions between China and Taiwan; the bitter territorial conflicts in the South China Sea, where there are rich deposits of oil, and China's competition

with Japan for regional preeminence.

The role of U.S. forces in Asia is connected to each one of these issues.

China's policy statement may have been timed, in part, to blunt the international criticism that will resume when Beijing detonates its third underground nuclear warhead this year as part of a final series of tests leading up to the conclusion in 1996 of

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## Asia Trade Progress

Asia-Pacific nations have agreed on ways to open up the region to free trade, officials said Thursday. But they acknowledged that key aspects of the accord, which is to be approved by the Asia-Pacifie Economic Cooperation forum on Sunday, were open to in-terpretation. (Page 13)

# **Military Rivals Are Worrying Asian Forum**

By Michael Richardson

OSAKA, Japan - Although trade is their main focus, Asia-Pacific leaders are meeting here amid a potentially dangerous undercurrent of military rivalry between China and Japan that some officials and analysts fear could develop into a regional atins race.

Among the factors contributing to the widespread unease are nationalist pressures in Japan for cuts in the U.S. military presence and deep-seated suspicion of Japan, based on its history of military adventurism, among China's leaders. A crit-ical question, analysts say, is whether South Korea will lean toward one camp or the other in the future.

In an apparent effort to allay concerns about its military buildup, China declared

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in a policy statement issued Thursday that it did not seek regional begemony and would not increase its defense spending substantially "as long as there is no serious threat to the nation's sovereignty or se-

curity." Concerns about potential instability in the region are a key background issue in the talks that the 18 members of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation fo-

rum, are having in Osaka.

Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia, who arrived in Osaka on Thursday for the APEC leaders' meeting on Sunday, said that although the group was "an economic and trade body — and in my view should remain one — it also has very significant political and strategic conse-

quences" for Asia and the Pacific.
"It encourages a continued constructive
American engagement in Asia by keeping
open the links across the Pacific," he said.
"This is important to all of us because in the absence of a U.S. balancing security role in the region, strategic uncertainties would multiply, especially in north Asia, and the result could be a very dangerous arms race with quite unforeseeable con-

sequences."
China and Japan are already accusing each other of pursuing undeclared policies of military expansion to seek regional dominance as the relative power of the United States declines.

President Jiang Zemin of China, who is

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ARRESTED — Former President Roh Tae Woo of South Kerea was charged Opinion Pages 8-9. Crossword Page 4. Thursday in a bribery scandal and taken to a prison outside the capital. Page 4.

# Karadzic and Mladic Face **New War Crimes Charges** Panel Cites 'Savagery' at Srebrenica

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

A United Nations tribunal indicted the Bosnian Serbian president, Radovan Karadzic, and the military commander, General Ratko Mladic, on Thursday on new charges of genocide and crimes against humanity for their role in arrocities committed against Bosnian Muslims in the enclave of Srebrenica. Judge Fouad Riad said evidence sub-

Goldstone, depicts 'scenes of unimaginable savagery: thousands of men executed and buried in mass graves, hundreds of Bosnian Serbian forces overran the UNmen buried alive, men and women mutilated and slaughtered, children killed be-fore their mothers' eyes, a grandfather forced to eat the liver of his own grand-"These are truly scenes from hell, writ-

ten on the darkest pages of human history," Judge Riad said before signing international warrants against both men that will make them liable for arrest anywhere outside Serbian-held territory.

Mr. Goldstone said Thursday he was "eautiously optimistie" that the two Bosnian Serbian leaders would stand trial for crimes against humanity, "sooner or later," Reuters reported.

[He said he hoped that members of any NATO peacekeeping force deployed in Bosnia under a peace agreement would be authorized to arrest the two leaders.]

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The two leaders already stand accused by the Hague-based criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia of genocide and other war crimes for planning and ordering attacks against Muslim and Croatian civilians throughout Bosnia, including the bombardment of the capital, Sarajevo.

But the latest indictments describe Mr. Karadzic and General Mladic as being "di-rectly responsible" for what may be the worst massacre committed in Europe since World War II. The tribunal charged that mitted by the ehief prosecutor, Richard they planned, instigated and ordered the designated "safe area" of Srebrenica in

July.

In little more than two weeks, the tribunal said, the estimated 40,000 Muslim population in the area was "virtually elim-mated by Bosnian Serb military personnel" under the "command and control of Karadjic and Mladic." Both men were seen on several occasions in or outside the area where mass executions occurred, of-

ficials said The fate of the two Bosnian Serbian leaders has emerged as an important issue in the peace negotiations now being conducted in Dayton, Ohio, among the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. The United States has said it will not send troops to help monitor a peace deal unless Mr. Karadzic and General Mladic were removed from power.

### AGENDA

# Algeria's Zeroual **Called Victorious**

President Liamine Zeroual won 58 percent to 66 percent of the votes in Thursday's presidential election in Algeria, state-run Algerian radio said, citing exit polls, while relatively high voter turnout was reported.

The voting was boycotted by the main Islamic opposition parties, and Muslim extremists threatened to kill anyone who cast a ballot. Despite the threats, there were no reports of violence. (Page 7)

# Vote at UN Deplores All Nuclear Testing

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Renters) — A key General Assembly committee voted 95 to 12, with 45 abstentions, on a resolution Thursday aimed at France and China that deplores all current nuclear tests. The vote in the disarmament and international security committee is expected to be endorsed by the assembly's plenary next month.

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# Find Suggests Earlier Human Migration

By Kathy Sawyer

identified fossil remains and primitive stone tools of what could be the first human ancestor known to have left Africa.

The discovery in Longgupo, or Dragon Bone Cave, suggests that primitive humans migrated from Africa to subtropical Asia at least 1.9 million years ago — about 100,000 years earlier than previously thought — "with the aid of a very simple stone tool-kit," said Russell Ciochon, a paleoanthropologist at the University of Iowa. He led the international team of scientists that

analyzed the bones and artifacts. The fossil fragments consist of a part of the left side of an adult lower jaw and an upper incisor tooth - but they are enough to indicate that these earliest migrants belonged to a years ago. Research done in the 1960s — comparing the more primitive species than expected, the researchers report in indicatar structure of modern African apes and humans — indicatar structure of modern African apes and humans —

the Nov. 16 issue of the journal Nature. Mr. Ciochon said in a telephone interview that the new hominid, the family of primates that includes humans, "is so

a number of theories about human evolution in Asia." The fragments indicate that the new hominid resembled two Service and the service of the servi

species believed to have made some of the earliest known stone tools: Homo habilis (handy man) and Homo ergaster (work Washington Post Service man). Until now, both species had been known to exist only in East Africa more than 2 million years ago.

"This discovery is the first to demonstrate a direct link between Asia and the well-known early human sites of eastern Africa," Mr. Ciochon said. The two stones, or "tools," found at Longgupo resemble

those of two types first identified at the famous East African fossil site of Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania. That is, they were chosen by someone to "fit within the hand," the researchers said. They are river "cobblestones" of tough volcanic rock. One was used as a hammer and the other

was flaked to provide a cutting or scraping edge.

The first primates appear in the fossil record about 65 million indicated that the ape and human evolutionary lines diverged about 4 million to 6 million years ago.

hominid, the family of primates that includes humans, "is so

Scientists now generally accept the theory that the earliest early, so primitive and so unexpected that it may well overturn human-like creatures evolved in Africa. But there has been less

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# Is This Russia or Hollywood?

# Duma Candidates Are 'Bustin' Loose' on Image

By Alessandra Stanley **New York Times Service** 

MOSCOW - Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin cherishes his stodgy, button-down reputation. He is not young, he is not funky and he most definitely does not "rock the house."

And that is why it was a bit surprising that Mr. Chernomyrdin's campaign hired the American rapper Hammer to enliven the image of Our Home Is Rus-

'We feel like bustin' loose!" His be-

wildered audience, mostly made up of middle-aged Russian bureaucrats and campaign workers, did not.

The campaign for Russia's parliamentary elections, which are scheduled for Dec. 17, has begun, with about 5,000 candidates struggling for the attention of voters. And although almost all of them are wrapping themselves in patriotism, nationalism and frierce anti-Western slogans, their campaigns have gone com-pletely Hollywood.

sia, the centrist political party.

Against a glowing red, white and blue
Our Home Is Russia backdrop at the
Rossiya concert hall. Hammer bellowed,

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# The Anatomy of NATO's Decision to Bomb Bosnia

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

APLES — The Monday morning paperwork was piled high on Admiral Leighton W. Smith's desk, and, as usual, the commander of NATO's southern flank sbuffled through the mound with the peevish air of an attack pilot who would rather be holding a joystick than a

But it was the sudden commotion coming from the television set - muted and tuned to CNN — that caught Admiral Smith's eye. He turned up the sound, first horrified, then en-

raged at the unfolding scene.

Five mortar rounds had fallen on Sarajevo between 10:11 and 10:20 that morning, Aug. 28. Four detooated harmlessly; the fifth exploded in the Mrkale market, killing 38 people and wounding 85. The shell landed only a few yards from where a similar blast in February 1994 had killed 68.

Angered at what he considered a despicable act of terror, he telephoned the British general in Zagreb, Croatia, who served as his liaison

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officer to Lieutenant General Bernard Janvier, commander of United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia. "You go to Janvier and you tell him if that's a Bosnian Serb shell, I'm going to start the process of recommending strikes. Admiral Smith said, meaning air strikes.

His call set in motion oot only Operation Deliberate Force - NATO's air and artillery campaign - but the events that led to the current Bosnian peace talks in Ohio and the likely muster this winter of about 60,000 NATO combat troops in Bosnia:

While modest by the standards of modern warfare — the 3,515 aircraft sorties flown during nearly three weeks of Deliberate Force were equivalent to a single active day in the Gulf War — the operation was significant both as a milestone in the post-Cold War drama of bow to apply military force in pursuit of international stability, and in what it portends for the planned peace enforcement mission in Bosnia.

Deliberate Force foreshadowed many features that surely will mark a major deployment to the Balkans: bickering allies; teosion between military commanders and their political masters; the blend of doubt and resolve commonplace whenever troops are sent in; and the fault lines among 16 allies whose interests and agendas often differ.

The operation revived what had long been considered a fatuous oxymoron — surgical bombing — by flinging 1,026 high-explosive munitions with impressive precision. The dearth of civilian casualties and collateral damage reflected pilot discipline and the fact that a three-star general scrutinized each of the 338 'aim points" on the 56 targets struck.

ET, the bombing was not as flawless as publicly depicted. Bad weather, tough targets. Serb anti-aircraft fire errant bombs — about one-third of 708 guided "smart" bombs missed. NATO also periodically dumped bombs oo a site outside Sarajevo, dubbed "the CNN target," partly to kick up smoke and dust for television cameras.

The operation also validated force as an effective handmaiden to diplomacy. It infused NATO with a new sense of strength, while underscoring the difficulty of keeping the alliance cohesive when bullets begin to fly. It illustrated that a sustained NATO combat

expedition is impossible without U.S. muscle: Satellite intelligence, electronic jamming and other technological contributions were virtually all American, while the United States flew two-thirds of all aircraft sorties.

Finally, the campaign demonstrated that the much-touted delegation of authority down the line to military commanders lasted only until their superiors disagreed with their decisions. Both General Janvier and Admiral Smith were at times overruled, ootably in their joint decision to halt the operation after two days. Moreover, the marriage of convenience - or desperation - between NATO and the United

was low. After so many unaverged atrocities, this shell was the proverbial last straw. Pretext or not, it would serve. In an 11 P.M. phone conversation, barely 12

bours after the massacre, Admiral Smith and General Smith agreed to turn their keys.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, was spent haggling over targets. General Janvier rushed back to Zagreb from France, snatching back the key but af-firming General Smith's decision to attack.

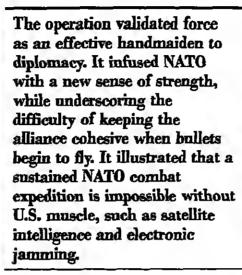
UN intelligence estimated that the Bosnian Serbs had 250 heavy weapons, "give or take 50," 76mm and larger in the "exclusion zone" ringing Sarajevo. Finding and destroying those

opinion to bring Deliberate Force to a stop. So General Ryan personally selected each aim

At 9:30 P.M. on Aug. 29, General Janvier and Admiral Smith finally reached an agreement. In addition to the Dead Eye list, Deliberate Force would start with 25 air targets. plus 15 others that would be shelled by artillery from the British-French Rapid Reaction Force on Mount Igman outside Sarajevo. The attack would begin in less than five hours, at 2 A.M. on Aug. 30. Given good weather, the operation

was expected to last four or five days.

At 2:12 A.M. on Aug. 30, the first bombs





Admiral Smith, NATO commander.

Nations showed severe strains on occasion, especially in a heated dispute over how best to end the campaign.

General Janvier, head of the UN force.

In his anger, Admiral Smith had momentarily forgotten when he phoned his message to General Janvier that the UN commander was on vacation in France. General Janvier had formally delegated authority to Lieutenant General Rupert Smith, commander of UN forces in Bosnia.

Under a recent agreement between NATO and the United Nations, Admiral Smith and General Janvier shared authority to launch broad retaliatory counterattacks in Bosnia. Both meo had to agree to turn their "keys" -or strike authority — before the first bomb could fall. In General Janvier's absence, General Rupert Smith held the UN key.

Here was no small irony. Under intense pressure from NATO and U.S. officials, who believed military commanders should gauge when Serbian transgressions warranted reprisals, the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, on July 26 had taken the key from Yasushi Akashi, his top civilian envoy in former Yugoslavia, and given it to General

But NATO hoped to push the key eveo further down the chain of command to General Smith, who was viewed as more inclined to martial action than the cautious General supported by France, and the key had remained with General Janvier.

The overriding task on Aug. 28 involved trying to assess culpability in the Mrkale massacre. Critics, notably the Russians, would soon cootend that the United Nations had rushed to judgment, that proof of Serbian guilt

In truth, UN mulitary officials said, after an estimated one millioo shells had falleo on Sarajevo since April 1992, the burden of proof small, mobile targets in a 240-square-mile (620-square-kilometer) zone was impossible.

Humiliated in July by the Serbian capture of the UN-declared "safe areas" of Srebrenica and Zepa, NATO and the United Nations had finally decided that future Serbian violations of Security Council edicts would be met with attacks against a broad array of targets spread over a wider geographic area. But NATO first would oeed to smash the Bosnian Serbian air

HE destruction in early June of a U.S. Air Force F-16 over northern Bosnia had sumned NATO planners, who had underestimated the Serbian ability to activate and fire an SA-6 undetected. U.S. intelligence agencies previously had hoarded their gleanings about the Serbian military; now they shared more freely.

The result was Dead Eye, NATO's plan to

eviscerate the air defenses of Bosnia. On Aug. 29. Dead Eye included 26 targets with 68 individual aim points. By agreement between New York and Brussels, air defenses throughout Bosnia were fair game in order to protect NATO pilots.

Lieutenant General Michael E. Ryan, the NATO air commander in Italy, had long been studying the Bosnian Serbian military. The three Serbian Army corps in eastern Bosnia weapons and maneuvered through a good communications system. By battering the communications web and whittling away at its military infrastructure, General Ryan believed he could inflict enough pain to compel Serbian

compliance with UN demands. NATO would not have to kill Ratko Mladic. the Bosnian Serbian commander if it isolated him and his chieftains.

A single mistake — bombing a church, strafing a school bus — would cause public

detonated. Forty-three attack jets, escorted by 14 radar-killing aircraft, struck Dead Eye targets in southeastern Bosnia, including radar sites, command bunkers and communications facilities. Another 20 planes with eight escorts sooo followed with strikes against ammunitioo dumps and other targets near Sarajevo. Four additional waves struck during the day.

Early Tuesday morning, General Janvier sent General Mladic a letter by fax to Pale vowing that strikes would continue until 'such time as I am convinced that the threat of further attacks by the BSA has been eliminsted." He was referring to the Bosnian Serbian Army, At 1:30 P.M., Mr. Akashi was summoned in Zagreb by a call from President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia. If General Janvier would send another letter spelling out his cooditions, Mr. Milosevic said, General Mladic seemed likely to capitulate. Mr. Akashi, General Janvier and others put together a letter demanding an end to attacks, the withdrawal of heavy weapons from around Sarajevo and "an immediate and complete cessation of hostilities throughout the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

NATO, which had not reviewed the conditions before the second letter was dispatched, was seriously alarmed. The final point in particular appeared to raise the bar too high. If General Mladic accepted a complete cease-fire, how could NATO compel the Bosnians and Croats also to comply? The alliance quietly disavowed the third condition and was relieved to learn that UN headquarters in New York did not buy it either.

Given the diplomatic and military shortcomings in the early phase of Deliberate Force, it thus came as a pleasant surprise when word filtered out of Pale via Belgrade on Aug. 31 that perhaps it might be time to talk.

MONDAY: A pause before Act 2

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Suzanne Oparil, past president

of the American Heart Asso-

ciation and a professor of

The strong results were in part a result of the site of the

study, Miss Oparil said. "It's

no question that they chose the

West of Scotland because these

people have the worst health

"There is no reason to think

# Gulf Nations Fear Anti-U.S. Violence

# Ripples From Saudi Blast

By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service

KUWAIT - The bomb that exploded this week in Saudi Arabia has set off wide reverberations among its Gulf neigh-bors, whose sheikhdoms and emirates depend on the West for protection against regional

While no one yet knows who was responsible for the bombing that killed five Americans and at least one other foreigner. the apprehension felt here is based on the fear that it was the work of Saudi militants who deeply resent that foreign pres-

For couotries that have struggled side by side with Saudi Arabia to balance their reliance on the West against the anger of conservatives, the explosion in Riyadh carried with it the prospect that balance might be coming undone.

Those who committed this criminal act did not target the kingdom of Saudi Arabia alone," the Kuwaiti Parliament said in a statement. It said those who carried out the bombing "aimed at planting seeds of in-stability" across the six-nation alliance known as the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In addition to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the other members of the 14-year-old alliance are Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, all of which have been confronted by increased criticism from con-servatives as the United States has built up its forces in the region as a counterforce to Iraq and Iran since the Gulf War. Raymond E. Mabus Jr., the

American ambassador to Saudi acknowledged Wednesday that the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh twice received Islamic militant group that de- here in April 1993.

manded a July deadline for withdrawing thousands of American and British troops.

The group, the Islamic Movement for Change, vowed in statements received by the embassy in April and June to "evict" the Western forces from the Saudi kingdom. But Mr. Mabus told reporters in Riyadh that the embassy did not order major changes in security because Saudi Arabia was seen as "one of the safest places" in the world.

Except for street demonstrations in Bahrain earlier this year, nowhere had dissent & about the presence of Western forces erupted in recent viclence. On Sunday, however, at a meeting in Bahruin, interior ministers representing the Gulf alliance expressed fears of such

In an interview published Wednesday in a Kuwaiti newspaper, the Saudi interior minister, Prince Nayif bin Abdel Aziz, said: "We should not rule out the possibility of seeing organized crime here, because we are a part of this world."

He made no direct reference to the bombing of Monday, but his comments were described in the Kuwaiti press as part of an effort to prepare the population for the possibility of more vi-

In Riyadh, the Saudi govemment offered an \$800,000 reward for information leading to those responsible for the bombing, who Mr. Mabus said had used a "very sophisticated" device set off by a timer.

In Kuwait, some officials said they suspected the bomb-iog had been carried out by Iraq. and pointed to possible parallels to a plot that the United States ascribed to Iraq to assassinate former President faxed threats this year from an George Bush with a car bomb

# TRAVEL UPDATE

# 2d French Strike Is Called for Nov. 24

PARIS (Reuters) - The CGT trade union, one of France's biggest, called a 24-hour general strike on Nov. 24 to protest the government's proposed welfare reforms.

The strike would coincide with a civil-service strike planned for

Minister Alain Juppé's welfare package, unveiled Wednesday. necessitated "a wide riposte from all workers in the public and

Seven civil-service unions have now called on their members to strike on Nov. 24, as they did on Oct. 10 in a walkout that disrupted many public services and state-owned companies.

# China and Britain Fight Over Visas

BELJING (AP) - China said Thursday that it had retaliated against Britain for tightening its visa policy by requiring all holders of British passports to obtain visas to visit China, even for transit through the country.

The spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, Shen Guofang, said the new restrictions went into effect Tuesday.

The British Embassy in Beijing notified the Chinese government in late October that Chinese nationals would have to obtain visas in enter Britain for travel and transit, Mr. Shen said. The stricter policy, London said, was aimed at stopping Chinese from entering British ports and airports and requesting political asylum.

# Strike Slows Belgium's Rail Traffic

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Rail traffic was disrupted across Belgium early Thursday as railroad workers went on strike to protest a costcutting plan put forward by the national rail group SNCB.

The stoppages paralyzed service to Germany and Luxembourg, but trains to Paris and Amsterdam kept running. Further strikes are scheduled for Thursday and Friday next week, which would be followed by a nationwide strike and demonstration Dec. 13.

European Union experts meeting in Brussels on Thursday delayed at least until Dec. 21 a decision on new seat-belt rules for minibuses, a European Commission official said. (Reuters)

Guests staying at a Geneva hotel on Dec. I will find a free condom, stashed neatly next to the shoeshine cloth and the bars of soap, in recognition of international AIDS day, an official at the Penta Hotel said.



# Lower Cholesterol Helps Even Strong Hearts, Study Says

By John Schwartz

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Scientists have known for some time that lowered cholesterol is a potent weapon for protecting victims of heart attacks from further attacks, but a new study holds the promise of help for people who have shown no signs of heart disease.

The study, from Scotland, shows that lowered cholesterol



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reduces the risk of heart attack by about a third in people with moderately high cholesterol who have previously shown no indications of heart trouble, researchers announced. The study of 6,595 Scottisb

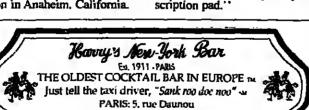
men with moderately elevated cholesterol also found that taking a cholesterol-lowering drug reduced the death rate from heart disease among participants by 28 percent.

The results of the study, which appears in Thursday's edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, were presented at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association in Anaheim, California.

"The benefits of reducing cholesterol are now established beyond any reasonable doubt." wrote a Norwegian researcher. Terie R. Pedersen, in an editorial accompanying the study. Thus, anyone with high cholesterol levels can benefit from reducing the amount of low-deosity-lipoprotein cholesterol, the type most strongly impli-

cated in causing blood vessel blockages. First, said Christopher J. Packard, an investigator in the West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study, "you have to go with diet. If that has failed, you

can then reach for your prescription pad."



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The study enrolled men or duramy pill, showed no drop er women would reduce that whose cholesterol levels had in cholesterol levels. In the risk by lowering their choles-not responded to changes in di-group taking the drug, 174 men terol, Mr. Pedersen said in an The 6,595 men in the study

ranged in age from 45 to 64 and their cholesterol levels averaged 272 milligrams a deciliter. Half of the participants were randomly assigned to take pravastatin, which is sold under the brand name Pravachol by Bristol-Myers Squibb, the sponsor of the study. These participants reduced their total cholesterol levels by 20 percent

and their low-density-lipopro-tein cholesterol levels by 26 sion," or high blood pressure. percent.

bad heart attacks or died from interview. He headed the Scancorooary heart disease, as dinavian Simvastatin Survival against 248 of the men taking Study, which published results the placebo.

Pravastatin is one of a new British medical journal, show-class of cholesterol-lowering ing clear benefits from lowerdrugs known as reductase inhibitors. In his editorial, Mr. Pedersen nary disease.

wrote that the treatment of high cholesterol to prevent heart disease 'can yield as much clinical benefit as the treatment of

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The study followed participants for an average of 4.9

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The strong results were in years. Those taking a placebo, risk does rise with age, and old-

Because of a computer malfunction, a number of copies of the habits, outside of Russia, in the International Herald Tribune of Thursday, Nov. 16, (issue oo. 35.059) were distributed with some pages identified as Friday. Nov. 17. The IHT regrets the error and any confusion it might have

# To Our Readers

western world."

Along with high cholesterol, 44 percent of the men were

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# Clinton Surprised by Gingrich's Revenge The Associated Press WASHINGTON — President Bill As Democrats tried to keep the controversy alive, the president avoided the roversy alive, the president avoided the left of the controversy alive.

he was treated on Air Force One, the president's official aircraft. Mr. Clinton's chief of staff was less charitable, saying that Mr. Gingrich's reaction was outrageous and bizarre.

Mr. Gingrich had said that he and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, felt slighted by Mr. Clinton during a trip to and from the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel. More important, the speaker said his personal pique helped prompt a partial shutdown of the federal government

The alleged snub, the Georgia Re-publican told reporters, was part of why you ended up with us sending down a tougher continuing resolution. — the stopgap spending bill that Mr. Clinton vetoed Monday.

The president's veto led to a partial shutdown of government operations

POLITICALNOTE

WASHINGTON — A few days into the great budget standoff of 1995, President Bill Clinton has emerged as a clear political winner over Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, and

Newt Gingrich, the House speaker — in the short run, at

"Look at how worried they look!" a Clinton aide crowed as the furrowed visages of Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Dole

A CNN/USA Today poll found that the public blames the Republicans for the deadlock more than Mr. Clinton by a

wide margin of 49 percent to 26 percent, with 19 percent

Republicans acknowledged that the president has beaten them in the tactical battle for public opinion so far. But they

said they were confident that they could turn the tide - if they

can change the focus of the debate from the government

a GOP strategist, Eddie Mahe, referring to spending res-

olutions. "Clinton just goes into the White House press room

and beats us every time." But, he added, "once we pass a

White House aides, on the other hand, were gleeful. "We're trying not to gloat," a senior adviser said, "but he

has hit everything just right this week."

In the view of the president's political handlers, the budget

battle is not just about whether Mr. Clinton will accept

Republican spending cuts. It is a chance to show their

sometimes-irresolute president drawing a line in the sand and

fighting for something he believes in.

Mr. Clinton's aides said that he accomplished that by

relentlessly warning that the Republican spending plan would

damage Medicare and other popular programs. The poll gives

some support to that theory: Asked whom they trusted to cut the budget while maintaining necessary programs, 49 percent said the Democrats and 36 percent the Republicans — a

WASHINGTON - Sooner or later, the Democratic pres-

ident and the Republican Congress will find a way out of the

entanglement that has caused much of the government to

What is blocking the bill giving the government authority to spend money temporarily is a disagreement over dollar

amounts and economic projections. When differences can be boiled down to numbers, politicians can usually find ways to

But it is nearly impossible to fathom the elements of a long-

term solution to the division between the president and his

Republican opponents. Here, the dispute is over principle -

over what role the American government should play in the

lives of its citizens. Compromising on principles is much

... and a Struggle Over Numbers

WASHINGTON — For Republicans, their yearlong dispute with the president boils down to whether or not Bill Clinton will support the effort to balance the budget by 2002

and use "honest" government economic forecasts and spending projections in calculating the plan.

Republicans are insisting on the use of the economic forecasts of the Congressional Budget Office, while the

White House wants to rely on the more optimistic assumptions of the Office of Management and Budget, which

Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, and Boh Dole, the

Senate majority leader, charge that the president has waffled on the issue and prefers to use the administration's economic

projections to ease the challenge of wiping out the deficit.

They said that Mr. Clinton's objections to the inclusion of the

Medicare premium increase in the legislation was a "smoke screen" to mask his efforts to spend more money.

The White House chief of staff, Leon L. Panetta, and congressional Democrats have objected to the Republicans'

demand to include the seven-year balanced-budget requirement in the continuing resolution because it would have the

effect of committing the president to many of the Republicans' more draconian plans for cutting spending. (WP)

Leon E. Panetta, the chief of staff, replying to Newt Gingrich's statement that the president's "snuh" of Republican leaders traveling on the White House plane to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral was a factor in the deadlock over the

budget: "I think all of this is outrageous — that they would use that kind of pettiness to shut down the federal government and

penalize people in this country because they somehow feel that

the administration maintains are more accurate.

Quote /Unquote

perhaps their egos weren't stroked."

more difficult than compromising on numbers.

A Division Over Principle . . .

'We can't win a fight over 24-hour resolutions," lamented

shutdown to their plan to balance the federal budget.

balanced budget, the burden will be on him."

reversal from the beginning of the year.

split the difference and save face.

elose down.

appeared on the television set in his office.

hlaming both sides.

Clinton Takes the First Round

sorry and surprised," he said. He made the comment during a brief visit to the White House press office to thank interns for pitching in to help during the

government shutdown As for Mr. Gingrich using bis ire as an excuse for drafting a tough spending resolution, Mr. Clinton said, "I just don't understand it." But he added with

a laugh, "I just work here."

He said he made a point of visiting with Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Dole before Air Force One landed to say goodbye

kind of pettiness to shut down the fed- Mr. Clinton did not allow him and Mr.

to a vote on whether a blowup of Thursday's New York Daily News front page should be allowed on the floor to il-lustrate their criticism of the speaker.

the use of the page with its cartoon of Mr., Gingrich as a crying baby and the door. headline, "Cry Baby. Newt's Tantrum. He closed down the government be-cause Clinton made him sit at back of

Air Force One landed to say goodbye and thank them for accompanying him.

Representative Patricia Schroeder, "Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had us up front. Every president we had ever flown with had talked to us at length."

The White House spokesman, Mike cused him of "shutting down the whole country because of his little peeve" and a sked: "Could we get a performance that's more statesmanlike?" Representative Patricia Schroeder.

Mr. Gingrich said Wednesday that Dole to sit in the front of the plane Efforts by House Democrars to make during the long flight to and from

Furthermore, Mr. Clinton barely spoke to them during the trip, Mr. Gin-grich said, and be and other congressional leaders were told on arriving back Voting 231 to 173, along nearly strict at Andrews Air Force Base that they had party lines, the House ruled out of order to exit from the rear of Air Force One rather than with the president at the front

> 'Both of us got on that airplane expecting to spend several hours talking about the budget and how do we avoid the shutdown." Mr. Gingrich said. Every president we had ever flown

# No Government? Who'd Know?

Few Outside Capital Feel the Shutdown

By Brian Knowlton

International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON - To the thousands in Washington and elsewhere whose livelihoods flow more or less directly from Uncle Sam's deep pockets, it is not funny — it has been dif-ficult, painful and dramatic.

But elsewhere around the country, it has fast become a standing joke, No government? Great! Who would know?

"The media has built this up like it's a hurricane on the way," said Dick Busby, owner of a construction company in Dayton, Texas. 'I don't even know anybody who has felt the im-

Thus, the picture in the nation's capital, where the budget dispute that closed much of government Tuesday plays out in an escalation of jut-jawed obtuseness and angry line-inthe-sand drawing, contrasts sharply with the scene in the blissfully oblivious heartland.

There, millions of people can go for months with no closer encounters with Big Government than the arrival each day ee." Talk shows have been of their mailman.

In all, 800,000 federal emover spending and budget plans. These were the workers deemed made no direct contribution to

But 1.1 million other employees - those who issue social security checks (but not those who take new applications), those who patrol the borders, man the prisons, run the trains, keep airplanes from colliding, or care for ailing veterans - are still at work.

While many people were inconvenienced by the closings of parks and museums, the loss to

'It breaks my heart to think I can't go out to the National Park at Hot Springs and get a tour from a genuine federal employee.'

most was not exactly dramatic. "It breaks my heart," an Arkansas businesswoman said flooded with calls from citizens

wanting to know why there were ployees were sent home when so many nonessential govern-funds for government operations ment workers in the first place.

who file claims each day with advice: "Please leave a message 'nonessential," meaning they fairs will have to wait. So will If not, please call back after the people applying for the first time for Social Security benefits.

So far, there are no eruption

nel remain at work, but their dependents' access to Pentagon-run schools and hospitals has been curtailed. More than 200,000 military reservists nationwide will not hold the regular drills that many of them count on for extra income.

Some of the closings will be felt only with time. The national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, for example, has stopped monitoring diseases, such as flu. That could mean a delay in warning the public of outbreaks. The Department of Health and Human Services closed the office that helps track down parents who fail to make

child-support payments. The shutdown was tough on people who had planned trips abroad, in some cases to arrend funerals of loved ones, only to find passport offices shuttered.

The greatest impact, of course, has been in Washington. Those whose livelihoods depend on government workers sarcastically "to think I can't go - food vendors, shop and out to the national park at Hot restaurant owners, cab drivers - have seen their income plummet. One local tour-bus business has seen its business

plunge by 80 percent. Another called the shutdown a disaster. Americans far from the Beltway, meanwhile, look on with ran out amid a sharp confrontation between the White House
and congressional Republicans

But how nonessential are measured concern. At one
Smithsonian museum, scientists
calling the Global Volcanism

Network office set this recorded Well, the 16,000 Americans Network office get this recorded



Leon Panetta briefing the press at the White House on Thursday on the budget crisis.

### Away From Politics

 An unidentified donor has given \$15 million to renovate the New York Public Library's main reading room. Once the renovations are complete, the reading room will be named for the donor.

degree murder in the shooting death of a German tourist. Khamchan Bret Ketsouvanviewpoint in California, was found guilty of

Pfleger. Although a co-defendant, Thongxay Nilakout, 18, was convicted as the actual shooter, Mr. Ketsouvannasane was also found guilty of murder because complicity in a felony - robbery - that leads to murder exposes accomplices to the same murder

 "Systemic deficiencies" at Memorial A second suspect was convicted of first- Sloan-Kettering in New York led a surgeon to operate on the wrong side of a patient's brain in May. In a scathing report, New York bealth nasane, 20, one of three suspects connected to officials said that the hospital had missed the May 16, 1994, murder at a scenie highway several opportunities to prevent the error and several opportunities to prevent the error and that its staff failed to follow the most basic robbing and murdering Gisela Pfleger, 62, and the attempted murder of her husband, Klaus tient's medical history. (NYT)

# Republican Freshmen Keep Faith

# In Crusade to Balance Budget, 'Forget Popularity'

By Robin Toner New York Times Service

opinion polls have the constant assaults on their a meeting of the freshman class party's Medicare proposals Tuesday night, "Someone have raised alarms back home. asked, Anybody got problems much of the government is shut back home with the fact that the down and the rival Democrats, government's shut down?' And suddenly, no longer look so

But within the fervent core of solved," Mr. McIntosh added. the Repoblican revolution, among the 73 freshmen sent to the House of Representatives immensely in this budget imjust a year ago, this is no time passe. Ever since the freshmen for faint hearts.

"Forget popularity," de- struggled to figure out whether clared Representative Zach they were driving the speaker, Wamp of Tennessee. "This is a Newt Gingrich, or he was drivgut check for what we're doing ing them.

They are here, many of the freshmen say, to balance the grich sometimes sends signals budget in 7 years - not 8 or 9 or that he is in full command of his 10—and if it means closing the caucus, but at other times por-

their constituents are with biosis" with the speaker.
them. Representative Sam Ed Gillespie, press secretary

government to do it, so be it. Moreover, in defiance of the polls, many say they believe

not a hand went up." 'This class is pretty re Whatever its grounding, the mood of the freshmen matters came to town, people have struggled to figure out whether

> Democrats say that in bipartrays the freshmen as a force

unto themselves. Freshmen sometimes talk about a "sym-

Brownback said he heard to the House majority leader, shouts of "shut it down" when he walked a parade route back to the House majority leader, Diek Armey, makes much the same point. "I think you'd be WASHINGTON - The home in Kansas last weekend. hard-pressed to find daylight Representative David M. between Newt and the fresh-lcIntosh of Indiana said that ar men." be said.

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Ukraine Feels the Shock Waves of Washington's Brawl

By James Rupert
Washington Post Service

KIEV — In a freezing morning mist, a crowd of Ukrainians stood glumly outside the U.S. Embassy here and slowly ab-The embassy would issue no impending paralysis.

Until further notice, the Ukrainians' plans for travel to limit to the sudden shutdown "is the corderly shutdown of nonessential services," said Victoria America were postponed. There

was no further information. It was no surprise that a government had cut off important services with no warning, leaving people to stand outside locked gates. Nothing unusual in that the bureaucrass were in their offices but refusing to receive the public. In the former Soviet Union, this has often been the way.

What staggered the hundreds of Ukrainians who crowded as usual for visas at the embassy was that it was the American government - reputedly the world's richest and most powerful - that suddenly had become nonfunctional,

Perhaps worse, on this freezing street thousands of miles who had arrived on overnight the embassy on strike?"

have federal workers in the United States, that the battle between Mr. Clinton and Congress had cost them serious money.

sorbed these ideas: Because of a fight between President Bill Clinton and Congress, the U.S. government was partly closed.

But unlike Americans who had watched the crisis coming, the Ukrainians had heard nothing in advance of Uncle Sam's But unlike Americans who had watched the crisis coming, ing in advance of Uncle Sam's

> our own hureaucrats, but people are shocked that this should happen with Americans," said treatment in the United States. "It's quite astonishing. Any

country in the world, isn't it?" began lining up at about 4 A.M. on Wednesday outside the gate on Yuri Koisnbinsky Street, their visa applications, photos and passports in hand.

from Washington, Ukrainian trains from western and south-peasants, teachers and business- ern Ukraine, then trudged the men suddenly discovered, as two kilometers (a mile and a half) to the embassy.

On a good day, the visa line is nervous, pushy and long. It of-ten stretches for a half-block, and the embassy typically pro-cesses 200 applications a day. But at 8:45, a State Depart-

ment cable blinked into the em-Sloan, the press officer. The head of the embassy's consular section walked out to

But the Ukrainians, stunned that long-planned visits to rel-Ukrainian can understand a atives or important business country having economic difcountry having economic dif-ficulties, but this is the richest found it difficult to take in. For hours, much of the crowd milled Ontside the embassy, the day around across the street, hoping had begun as usual. Ukrainians for more information and wor-

d passports in hand. they won't issue visas, but After dawn, the line swelled they're all in there at work." with out-of-town applicants said a man named Sasha. "Is

# Katerina Gromov, who had come to seek visas for some children to receive medical consequence in Kiev: no visas. Attorney General Reno Has Parkinson's Disease

WASHINGTON - Attorney General Janet Reno disclosed Thursday that she has Parkinson's disease. She said it was not adversely affecting her work and that she will remain in

her post.

"I'm taking my medicine. I feel fine now," the 57-year-old antomey general said at her weekly news conference. Her weekly news conference. Her had no intention of resigning only symptom so far has been had no intention of resigning.

trembling in her left hand, which she first noticed this summer.

The disease robs people of control over their movements. She said that she advised the White House after the diagnosis

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# Roh Is Arrested In Bribery Case

# Scandal Astounds Korea

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

SEOUL - Former President Roh Tae Woo was arrested Thursday on charges that he in exhaustion and humiliation collected bribes to amass a after 16 hours of questioning by \$654 million political slush fund while in office in a scandal that has astounded even cor-ruption-weary South Koreans and tainted this country's po-liocal and industrial aristocra-

Mr. Roh, 62, who was president from 1988 to 1993, was taken into custody at the pros-ecutor's office where he had been questioned for nearly 29 straight hours. He spoke briefly with reporters waiting outside:

"My dear fellow citizens, I am terribly sorry," he said. "I alone will take full responsibility for what has happened and I will accept any punish-

ment.".
With that, the former president was taken to a detention center outside Seoul. The highway to the jail was cleared of traffic and Mr. Roh was trans-ported in a motorcade of dozens of police cars with lights flashing and sirens blaring. Television crews were allowed to pull up along both sides of the car carrying Mr. Roh and broadcast live images of him wedged between two police officers in the back seat.

Mr. Roh, the first South Korean head of state ever arrested on criminal charges, faces from 10 years to life in prison.

Throughout the day, images on Korean television documented Mr. Roh's dramatic fall from fabulous highs to stunning lows: Mr. Roh in his South Korean Army general's uniform. President Roh proudly opening is believed to be held in Swiss the money or where it was

Seoul, President Roh meeting with the former Soviet leader. Mikhail S. Gorbachev; followed by grim images of the former president slumping over prosecutors on Nov. 1.

One station repeatedly questioning Thursday, with a close-up of his arrest warrant superimposed over the scene. Since Oct. 27, when Mr. Roh

made a tearful confession on national television that he had raised and controlled the secret fund, a nearly unbelievable drama has been playing out here. Each day on live television, respected leaders of all of the country's most influencial industrial conglomerates have been paraded into the office of the prosecutors investigating the Roh fund.

Thirty-five execuoves have been questioned, including the heads of such massive and globally respected firms as Hyundai, Samsung and Daewoo. So far, no one but Mr. Roh has been charged criminally.

Prosecutors have said that some of the executives admitted to having paid bribes to Mr. Roh in exchange for lucrative government contracts. They also said that executives had acknowledged contributing about \$400 million of the slush fund, with Hyundai giving about \$34 million and Samsung about \$32

quiry would widen to include banks, utilities and other stateowned companies. And because some of Mr. Roh's cache the 1988 Olympic games in bank accounts, prosecutors spent.



CHILD WARRIORS — Fighting by Tamil Tiger rebels against Sri Lanka often involves children. The government armed a Sinhalese girl, left, in Dimbulagala, in a region where rebels have massacred villagers. At right, a 16-year-old Tamil Tiger. The army geared up on Thursday to attack the rebel stronghold in Jaffna.

summoned the Swiss ambassador on Thursday to ask for his government's assistance in tracking down the money.

In his televised confession, Mr. Roh said nearly \$250 mil-lioo from the slush fund was still sitting in secret bank ac-counts. He did not say where he got the money or how it was spent. In subsequent interrogaoons by prosecutors, including the marathon session on Nov. 1, Mr. Roh claimed he could not remember details of who gave

Rumors of official corrupoon have dogged South Korea for decades. When the rumors were confirmed, the blight turned out to be far more widespread than anyone had

imagined.
'Normally Koreans are very generous about political corruption because we have gotten used to it, but this is really unimaginable," said Oh Kie Pyung, a professor of political science at Sogang University in

Even President Kim Young Sam has been touched by the

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scandal, although not necessarily tainted,

On the day Mr. Roh disclosed the slush fund, the opposition party leader Kim Dae Jung acknowledged that he had received \$2.6 million from the fund during his unsuccessful run for president in 1992.

The opposition leader then charged that President Kim, a longtime political ally of Mr. Roh's, had received more than \$100 million from the secret slush fund for the 1992 elec-

The president vehemently de- fury.

nied taking any money and promised to see the scandal thoroughly investigated and the control of the co oughly investigated, even if it meant his old friend Mr. Roh

might go to jail.
President Kim is constitu-

But political observers say terview. that his Democratic Liberal damaged by the revelations of a scandal that has sparked student

# IMF Discussing Aid To Burma Despite Its Rights Abuses

By Kevin Murphy al Herald Tribune

RANGOON — Overlooking widespread concern about abuses of human rights in Burma, the International Monetary Fund is discussing the resumption of assistance to Rangoon, according to IMF and Burmese officials.

Rangoon's military-led government soll must commit to a demanding economic reform agenda before the IMF starts a monitoring program, which would be the first step toward providing financial aid, an IMF official in Washington said.

But Burna appears to be at a political and economic crossroads and willing to consider such steps, diplomats here said.

The Burmese regime has ponents, and any sign of im-proved relations with the IMF will bolster its campaign against international isolation, the government and its criocs agreed.
"It's a victory for us," said

Council refers to the country. Our friends, like Japan,

'I am optimistic that once we have a program with the IMF it is easier for the World Bank and the Asian Develop-Conally prohibited from nun- meet Bank to offer whatever niog for reelection when his assistance they can under their investments into Burma. five-year term expires in 1997. rules," Mr. Kyi said in an in-

> creased engagement with Rangoon did not require the eninclude financial aid of any nomics.

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type, according to an IMF spokesman in Washington. At the same time, more IMF

technical assistance and advice remain conditional on clear progress on a number of economic fronts, including the devaluation of Burma's currency, a complex issue not easily resolved. The fund's targets will be dif-

ficult for the Burmese government to meet immediately, officials in Rangoon admit. However, signs of a thaw in the relationship are widely seen as easing the way toward greater engagement with Burma by the fund, other aid organizations and individual countries. A moratorium on IMF or h

World Bank assistance to the Burma has informally been in place since the State Law and long been condemned for its Order Restoration Council harsh treatment of political opnored the results of a 1990 national election that would have

An opposition leader. Daw Aung San Sou Kyi, who was released in July from six years of Kyi Aye, governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the name by which the ruling State

Law and Order Restoration fully against any relaxation in fully against any relaxation in ; this policy before substantial political changes in the country.
"We are aware of the IMF's

decision and hope to learn more about it." Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said in an interview. "I can't comment specifically on this until we do learn more hui. as I have said before, it is too early to decide it is time to pour

"In the last five or six years we have not seen that there is An unpublicized IMF staff- sufficient change on the eco-Party, of which Mr. Roh is also level decision in late October to nomic front to decide the aramember, could be severely lay the groundwork for ingument that you can progress economically in Burma without political change. You can never demonstrations and deep public dorsement of its board nor did it separate politics and eco-

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# French-Indian Meeting Delayed

NEW DELHI — Angered by French plans to sell Mirage jets to Pakistan, India has postponed the meeting next week of the Indo-French Joint Commission, people familiar with the issue said Thursday. The French Embassy here also said that the

meeting had been postponed but declined to comment further. The Indian decision to postpone the meeting has forced 22 visit to New Delhi. No new date has been set for what would have been the commission's first meeting in four years. (AFP)

# Five East Timorese Seek Asylum

PARIS - France said it was seeking a humanitarian solution for dealing with five East Timorese who clambered into the French Embassy in Jakarta on Thursday to seek asylum.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Yves Doutriaux, said that the five climbed into the embassy compound early Thursday. They were the fourth group of East Timorese to seek refuge in a foreign mission in two months.

All East Timorese seeking refuge in embassies in the past three years have been granted asylum in Portugal, still regarded by the United Nations as East Timor's administering power. Indonesia invaded the territory in 1975.

# 30,000-Carat Topaz Fit for a King

BANGKOK — A 30,000-carat hlue topaz is being prepared by the Thai Gem and Jewelry Traders Association to be presented to King Bhumibol Adulyadej this year in commem-oration of the 50th anniversary of his ascension to the throne. After cutting and polishing, the blue topaz will weigh 17,000 clear."

to 18,000 carats, and will probably be the largest blue topaz in the world, the association said Thursday. (Reuters)

# Indonesia Arrests 300 'Plotters'

JAKARTA - Indonesian authorities have arrested 300 people and accused them of plotting to establish an Islamic state in the country, an army officer said Thursday.

The officer, First Lieutenant R. Heru, said those detained had rance's foreign trade minister. Yves Galland, to delay his Nov. I traveled Central Java to propagate their teachings and recruit members for the organization.

For the Record: Philippine troops were fighting Thursday in what military commanders said was a campaign to flush out Muslim ex-tremists from a southern mountain stronghold. (AP)

Prime Minister Lien Chan ordered Taiwan's police Thursday to heighten security to prevent any violence before Dec. 2 legislative elections.

(AP)

### **VOICES** From Asia

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, remarking on President Bill Clinton's decision to cancel his trip to Japan this weekend: "It's really regrettable that he can't make it. But I suppose it can't be helped."

(AP)

Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong: "If there is no problem about securing Hong Kong's freedoms in the future, let's have more Chinese officials ... making that absolutely

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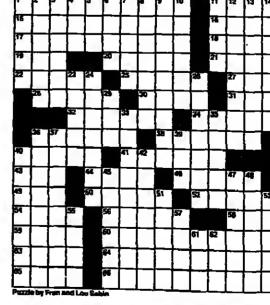
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**EUROPE** 

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# Moscow Outlines Aid for Media

MOSCOW - Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, with a month to go to a parliamentary election, met with editors on Thursday and announced a package of financial

benefits to help the struggling Russian media.

Mr. Chernomyrdin, who will head a major centrist bloc in the December election, said the new rules should take effect

The benefits would include exemption from a value added tax on transport and distribution costs while sales from scientific, cultural and educational publishing would be untaxed, according to the Interfax news agency.

### Even U. S. Joins Unesco's Party

PARIS - World leaders thanked Unesco on Thursday for its promotion of democracy and peace during its first 50 years, and artists and educators praised its initiatives to

encourage global exchanges and foster cultural heritage.

President Bill Clinton sent a message saying he hoped that
the United States could soon return to the agency that it left in 1984 to protest alleged mismanagement and anti-Western

Mr. Clinton said rejoining the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was a priority if the dues could be coaxed out of Congress. (Reuters)

# EU Lacks Credibility, Panel Says

LONDON - The European Union needs to become more efficient and more credible to its citizens, a British parliamentary committee says.

These should be the key objectives of next year's Intergovernmental Conference, called to plot the future course of the union, the a House of Lords committee said in its

The committee said the EU's plan to take in countries from Central and Eastern Europe was now the driving force shaping its future.

(Reuters)

# Italy Weighs Immigration Bill

ROME - Italy's government mer Thursday to draft controversial measures on immigration amid continued pressure from some political parties to be tougher on foreigners who

Prime Minister Lamberto Dini, intervening in a dispute over what to do about Italy's growing ranks of illegal immigrants, presented a draft decree to his cabinet setting swift expulsion for illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

The Northern League Party last week provoked accusations of blackmail from the government by making Northern League support for Mr. Dini's 1996 budget cooditional on tough new immigration rules.

# Cálendar

European Union events scheduled for Friday: BRUSSELS: EU budget ministers meet to go over the 1996 budget, which will be voted on by the Parliament in

BRUSSELS: The president and vice-president of the European Commission, Jacques Santer and Manuel Marin, meet with Uruguyan president, Julio María Sanguinetti.

BRUSSELS: Finance Minister Arja Alho of Finland con-fers with the EU budget commissioner, Ericki Litkanen. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

# **Ex-Minister** In France Gets Jail for **Kickbacks**

LYON - A former conservative French cabinet minister,

Alain Carignon, was failed for five years, two of them suspended, on Thursday for corruption and fined 400,000 francs.

Mr. Carignon, former mayor of Grenoble and minister of communication under former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, was convicted of receiving kickbacks 20 million francs (\$4 millioo dollars) in connection with the privatization of his

city's water supply system.
The former minister, a member of the governing Rally for the Republic party, was also con-victed of interfering with witnesses and banned from holding public office for five years.

Mr. Carignon, 46, who was forced to resign from the Balladur government in July of last year, immediately appealed the sentence and was freed.

He was the first cabinet minister to have suffered the humiliation of prison since the founding of the Fifth Republic in 1958, having been jailed pend-ing trial for seven months before being released on bail May 3.

Mr. Carignon was replaced by a Socialist as mayor of Grenoble in municipal elections in June, but is still president of the Isère departmental council.

The court said Mr. Carignon had "committed the gravest offense for a holder of public office" in soliciting and receiving gifts from the water company Lyonnaise des Eaux. The prosecutor, Bertrand Charpentier, said the main advantage secured by Mr. Carignon was the bailingout of the Dauphine News, a newspaper set up to back the Rally for the Republic candi-dates in municipal elections in 1989. The paper allegedly re-ceived 3.5 million francs from an

affiliate of Lyonnaise des Eaux. A former Carignon aide, Jean-Louis Dutaret, 47, was sen-tenced to four years, two sus-pended, and fined 400,000 francs for acting as a go-be-tween. Marc-Michel Merlin, former head of SDEL, a Lyonnaise des Eaux subsidiary, was sentenced to four years, three suspended, and fined | million francs. (AFP Reuters) ····· (AFP, Reuters)



Alexander Kwasniewski arriving for the TV debate.

# German Rightist Quits Party

MUNICH — Franz Schönhuber, founder of the extremeright Republican Party, said Thursday he would leave the movement because of a dispute with its leaders.

Nazi storm trooper, said there vote.

was a "political chasm" be-The only significant victory of the Republican Party, which Mr. Schönhuber founded in 1983, came in European Par-liament elections in 1989, when Mr. Schönhuber, 72, a former the party won 7.1 percent of the

# Smooth Rival Outperforms President Walesa leading Mr. Kwas- What precisely the two men niewski by 53 percent to 47, would do for Poland was dif-By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

WARSAW - Americanstyle presidential debates are a niewski narrowly leading, 51.5 new phenomenon in Poland, and percent to 48.5 for Mr. Walesa. at the end of the second and last one it was clear who won on the

The incumbent, Lech Walesa, 52, the brave and flamboy-ant union leader of the 1980s, who appeared such a pillar of strength in the West, looked like an injured fighter scrapping

The challenger, Alexander Kwasniewski, 40, a former Communist who insists he is now a social democrat, was again a television producer's dream: composed, affable and unflappable. Mr. Kwasniewski, good looking and a smooth talker, is one of those candidates who looks even better and performs better on television than in person.

But it is far from clear what effect these images will have on an electorate participating in only its second democratic presidential election since the fall of the Communists. At the very least, analysts said, the debates are likely to have the most sway with the undecided voters, who are about 10 percent of the electorate.

Opinion surveys released Wednesday showed a very close race. But they were conducted before the first television debate last Sunday, when Mr. Walesa fared poorly.

One poll by the private in-stitute Demoskop showed Mr.

In both debates, the two can-

Walesa Fumbles TV Debate

didates flailed each other as beig men of the past. Determined to get the last word, Mr. Walesa, who had tried to be more statesmanlike

The effect of the debates on Polish voters is unclear.

Wednesday, barked at Mr. Kwasniewski's closing appeal for Polish unity: "Communists, Bolsheviks, sincerity," a sar-castic anti-Communist slogan of the 1970s and '80s.

Mr. Kwasniewski said it was time to move on. "I appreciate Mr. Walesa's achievements," he said. "But he reminds me of an athlete who keeps coming back to the fact that, once, he won a gold medal. Five more years with Walesa is five years too much.

Remorseless about his opponent's Communist past, Mr. Walesa thundered. He is a man identified with that gang of

Before the second debate, Mr. Walesa conceded he had been ''too confrontational.'' But even as he promised to be more controlled, he charged Mr. Kwasniewski with being part of 'immorality, crimes and lies.'

Another poll, by state-run tele-vision, showed Mr. Kwas-and fro Wednesday night on who would be most generous to pensioners, who would solve the apartment shortage and who was the firmest backer of the pri-

vatization of state companies. In the first debate, Mr. Kwasniewski suggested that the policy about joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which he supports, should be "firm and patient." It was vital, he said, to explain to Russia that NATO membership was not di-

rected against Moscow.

Mr. Walesa suggested that Mr. Kwasniewski as president would harm Poland's chances of joining NATO because West European leaders would see him as a "chameleon" and 'untrustworthy." He said leading Poland into Western Europe would be the main aim of his

second term. Mr. Walesa's popularity plummeted during his five-year presidency to a low of single digits in opinion surveys. He rallied strongly in the last several months in a field of many candidates that was narrowed after the first round to himself

and Mr. Kwasniewski. His performance in the first debate was so unconvincing that several dozen prominent academics took the unusual step of signing a letter published Wednesday in the biggest circulation newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza, urging a vote for Mr. Walesa even though they said he was barely palatable.

# Bombs Away on Beaujolais French Wine Is Target of Nuclear Foes

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - The annual ballyhoo over Beaujolais nouveau wine this year was upstaged in many places by boycotters protesting French miclear tests in the Pacific, dealers said Thurs-

day.

The first bottles from this year's Beaujolais harvest went on sale around the world at 12:01 A.M. Paris time, an annual marketing gimmick that brings in about \$100 million to producers of the fruity red wine from southern Burgundy. Its appeal had been fading well before

September, when President Jacques Chirac resumed ouclear testing underneath Mururoa Atoll, in French Polynesia, promising that the tests would end forever by next spring.

The protests may go on longer than that, and the

25 million to 30 million bottles of Beaujolais nouveau that usually gn to foreign markets this month and next became prime targets as symbols

The Consumers Union of Japan, in a country where 2.5 million bottles were sold at the height jolais after December.

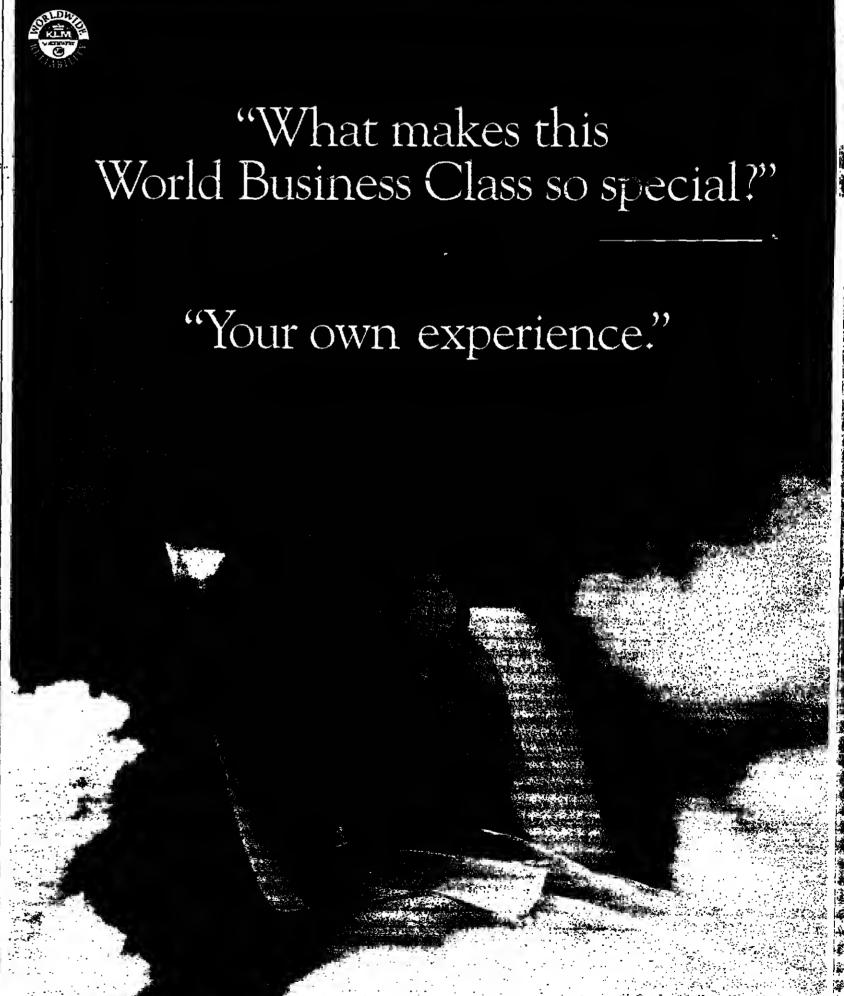
of Beaujolais oouveau hype in 1990, called on customers to shun it, and in Akita, a liquor store invited people to come in and smash as many bottles as they liked.

French wine professionals say that the market for the wine has all but collapsed in Japan, the Netherlands and Scandinavia and has disap-peared in Australia and New Zealand, which

make plenty of wine of their own. In Sweden, television commercials by antiouclear groups showed a woman swirling French red wine around in her mouth and then spitting into the glass - symbolically, what France was doing to the environment, as the sponsors saw it. The Netherlands, which took 4.8 million bottles last year, will take 25 percent fewer this year. according to the Interprofessional Beaujolais Wine Union, which also expected some losses in

bottles, almost half again as many as last year. million bottles or so before Beaujolais stops being "nouveau" and becomes just plain Beau-

But French-speaking Quebec ordered 144,000 Consumers io France are expected to drink 30



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# EUROPEAN **TOPICS**

# Italy's Ivory Towers

Tainted by Scandal A judge in Rome is invesrigating scores of university

professors for corruption and abuse of office after a startling demonstration that university biring practices sometimes depend more on whom people know than what they know. A Naples scientist seot a

judge the names of candidates who would be selected for academic posts — before selections supposedly had been made. It had long been known that 'recommenda-tions' carried particular weight in this process, but many were surprised at just how true this proved to be.

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"There have long been rumors," said a former university official, Stefano Rodotà. "but now there is proof that a certain number of professorial positions are reserved for the lovers or children of other

Shock waves from the "clean hands" operation

have spread into almost every area of society. But the latest revelations left one philoso-phy professor shaking his head: "The Italian university system reminds me of the Soviet Union," said Lucio Col-letti. "It can't be reformed."

Around Europe

German 'inventors deserve protection as an endangered species. At least that's the contention of Joachim Bader, president of the German Inventors Association. He says his fellow creators have a bad rap as wild-eyed madmeo with little sense of the practical. But to Mr. Bader, they are "a driving force in

the evolution of our society." Because even their best ideas are often belittled or ig-nored — Germans, after all, inverted the fax machine, but could sell it only to the Japanese, whose language did not lend itself to telex inventors need a safety net, Mr. Bader believes. He suggests a 5,000 Deutsche mark (\$3.570 ) bonus for every patent obtained, reports the weekly Der Spiegel. So, a bonus for the inventor of the spinal air bag, which would

inflate slowly during traffic

jams to help relax tense

against political corruption | drivers and another for the man who designed the "pee pee funnel," which would help keep toilet seats clean? Yes, says Mr. Bader - all innovation is of value.

Half of all Spanish girls

aged 15 to 19 who become pregnant get abortions, according to a recent study. Researchers for the Youth Institute in Madrid found a general rejection in this age group of anything that makes the sex act seem less natural. Reactions to the pill is negative; most girls who use it do so without a prescription or medical control. There is also considerable hesitation in approaching doctors for guidance. Most girls surveyed said they entered sexual relationships with feelings of

Two men who danced together at a Belfast social club have been banned for life. When the pair took to an empty dance floor, with the band playing "Baggy Trousers," a bouncer asked them to sit. Club rules allow women to dance together, he explained, but not men. The men have accused the chib of discrim-

International Herald Tribu

# INTERNATIONAL

# 2 Towns Symbolize Price of Peace

# Bosnians and Serbs Firm on Srebrenica and Zepa

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

DAYTON, Ohio - The towns of Srebrenica and Zepa are symbols of the Serbian slaughter of Muslim civilians during the Bosnian war. Now. with negotiations to end the conflict in a critical phase, they have become symbols of the price of peace.

Officials involved in the talks say that the recovery of Srebrenica and Zepa, eastern Bosnian towns overrun by the Serbs this summer, is among the territorial demands on which the Muslim-led government has refused to compromise.

The Serbs, determined that their territory adjoining Serbia be as cohesive as possible, will not relinquish the towns.

"The Bosnians are soll asking for Zepa and Srebrenica and of course the moral reasons are there comes a time when you have to chose between some absolute justice and moving forward in peace."

ficials said, was among those that blocked a 14-hour effort on Tuesday by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopber to bring the two-week-old negotiations to a conclusion.

We had the sense that they were trying to rush us to a closure," said one Bosnian offi-We feel more comfortable now that some of that pressure has been removed and we have the time to work through these very important territorial issues." Western officials said the

aim was now to end the talks over the weekend. They said that they expected that Mr. Christopher would probably return earlier than scheduled from Japan in order to be present.

But bridging the remaining gaps will not be easy. The issue of Zepa and Srebrenica illustrates the difficulty of trying to clear and absolutely justifi- end a war whose wounds are able," said one official. "But still raw.

Put bluntly, Bosnian control of Srebrenica and Zepa now makes no sense politically or diplomatically, because the

This territorial conflict, of- towns would be vulnerable islands surrounded by Serbs. But hy every standard of

morality or justice, Bosnian control of the towns makes complete sense, because they were the scenes of Serbian atrocities against Muslim civilians, many of whom had already fled the Serbian onslaught of 1992 and were among the few survivors of the once thriving Muslim commu-nities in Serb-held eastern Bosnian towns.

These towns, now inhabited almost exclusively by Serbs. are the living symbols of what Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott this mouth described in these unusually candid terms: "In a word - and it is the right word — it is geno-cide in our time, genocide on the continent of Europe."
Yet, the United States effec-

tively has to set this aside in order focus on the hard facts. 'We will not forget the past," said one Western offi-"But our aim now should

be the creation of a territorially

coherent Muslim-Croatian fed-

eration and taking it from there. Instead of focusing on guarantees for the future, the Bosnian delegation often seems to focus on symbolism.

The Bosnian official said that the postions of his government was that a map prepared in 1994 by the so-called Contact Group should remain the basis for negotiation until a new map is agreed on: This map, he pointed out, accorded Srebrenica and Zepa to the government. But it has largely been su-perseded by military changes

on the ground. Victories against the Serbs by the Bosnian and Croatian armies have reduced the Serbs' share of territory from the 70 percent they held when the Contact Group map was drawn to about 48 percent. As a result, the Contact Group map has quietly been discarded by Americans and Europeans. In principle, Bosnia is to be

divided between a Muslim-Croatian federation with 51 percent of the territory and a Serbian republic with 49 percent. overseen by an almost certainly



A woman using the burned-out remains of a car as a bench Thursday as she enjoyed the relative calm in Sarajevo.

# CIA and Pentagon Battle for Spying Rights

By Walter Pincus hington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's role in spying and other intelligence work is expanding, while the CIA is losing influence because of its recent embarrassments and its changing responsibilities in the aftermath of the Cold War, according to active and retired agency and Pentagon officials and congressional

supervising key intelligence opera- Pentagon. tions including interpreting spy-satellite photos, and recruiting and handling secret agents overseas.

There is even a proposal in Con-Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, operations. that would seem to have the effect of

downgrading the importance of the the blow to the CIA's credibility early CIA director. It would create a new, last year from the revelation that a CIA naoonal intelligence director working out of the White House, and supervising deputies with equal ranks at the

CIA and Pentagon. Intelligence and congressional to warn that highly sensitive Soviet sources said the CIA director, John M. and Russian military intelligence re-Deutch, had encouraged the shift of responsibilities to the Pentagon, Mr. Deutch was the Defense Department's No. 2 official before reluctantly going to the CIA in May. His aides deny the Pentagon agencies and officials are claims that he is presiding over a deset to play a greater role than before in cline in the CIA's role vis-a-vis the

The shift has roots in the 1991 Gulf War, when there was criticism that timely intelligence was not provided to military commanders in the field. gress, backed by the Senate intelli- That led the Defense Department to gence committee chairman. Arleo beef up its own intelligence-gathering

The trend gained momentum with

officer, Aldrich H. Ames, had spied for Moscow for nine years. The agency has suffered another blow in recent weeks from the disclosure that it failed ports came from sources possibly con-

trolled by the KGB. Although the Defense Department has for years controlled 80 percent or more of the nation's total annual intelligence budget of more than \$28 billion, the CIA has traditionally been considered the major voice in intelligence matters. At the height of the Cold War, the agency spent 40 percent of its budget on Soviet military matters. It was the prime source for the president of military as well as po-

That has been changing. The Pentagon is taking over intel-

senior official said that role "has much wider application than in the past," when the focus was on Moscow.

Such changes do not sit well with some CIA old-timers.

Richard Kerr, a former CIA deputy director, said his agency colleagues see themselves losing out to the Pentagon on a number of issues where they bave a key role to play in assessing actions and reactions.

This is a bureaucratic battle and to some degree it's always been that

way." he said.
While he was the No. 2 man at the solidation of some intelligence services concerning the military. He now is backing transfer of some CIA activities to the Pentagon, such as an-

### Tomb Linked To Maccabees Continued from Page 1

MODI'IN, Israel widening a road in central Israel have found a cave tomb with clear links to the Hasmoneans, or Maccabees, who rebelled against Greek rule in the second century B.C.

The tomb, which contains 23 ossuaries, or boxes for human bones, is near the site of the ancient town of Modi in, where the Hasmooean leader Mattathias raised the banner of revolt against the Greek Seleucids around 170 B.C.

Efret Orbach, a spokeswoman for While he was the No. 2 man at the the Israel Antiquities Authority, said Peotagon, Mr. Deutch supported coothat about 10 of the ossuaries had inscriptions in Hebrew, and one of the inscriptions contained most of the word "Hashmonaim," the Hehrew

version of the family name. The inscription was the first archaeological evidence that the Hasmoneans inhabited the area, she said.

TREK: Earlier Human Migration?

# RUSSIA: Rockin' the House

forms. Although Russia has experimented with Americanstyle campaign tactics before. this campaign is beginning to look like a Soviet propagandist's worst caricature of the American democratic process.

Some politicians, like the extreme nationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, are selling thentselves with the kind of crotic imagery usually reserved for car ads and music videos.

Others, including the popular nationalist general, Alexander Lebed, are using slick, scary spots about crime and corruption. And almost every party is using celebrities. Pop stars and actors are not just endorsing candidates, they are running for office on almost every party list.

The obscure nationalist party My Fatherland is led by a dissident general. Boris Gromov. and one of its candidates is Josef Kohzon, a flamboyant crooner who was denied a visa to the United States because of allegations that he had mnh connections. When asked at a press conference Tuesday why was running. replied. Honesily speaking, who the hell knows?

Forty-three parties will be on the December hallor, compering for 450 seats in the Duma, the lower house of Parliament. Of that number, 225 deputies are elected from party lists, and the remaining 225 are chosen from

among independent candidates. Except for the Communist Party, there is such weak party identity in Russia that candidates have to sell personalities, not political platforms," said

Stanford University on Russian politics. "It becomes Holly-wood glitzy — what personality can make us famous?"

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known as the "party of power" because it is made up of government officials, is backed by the major Russian banks and has political clout and money: But it has fared poorly in most public opinion polls.

The party has recruited Nikita Mikhalkov, the Oscar-winning actor in "Burnt by the Sun' and the movie's director, as well as Ludmila Zykina, a famous anthen: singer who was the Soviet Kate Smith.

'We have to use different; unusual means to wake the voters up." said Yuri Shuvalov. 🤧 30. a campaign strategist.

But it takes a lot of cash to wake people up. An entertainment figure close to the campaign said that

Hammer alone was paid

\$150,000 a concert. Spending limits and advertising rules were vague and only vaguely observed in Russia's

1993 elections. The central election commison has issued new spendir guidelines for this election year, giving each party 80 million rubles, or about \$17,000, to cov-

er election costs, and imposed an 11 hillion ruble spending limit. But this year, as before, there are few reliable mechanisms for monitoring campaign fundraising and spending.

We are sure we can catch violations because every elecioral bloc and movement will inform us about abuses by their rivals," said Parmen Shenshin, the central election commis-Michael McFaul, an expert at sion's press secretary.

# GERMANY: Social Democrats Remove Scharping for Lafontaine

Mr. Scharping had sought to nudge the party toward the center ground commanded by the Christian Democrats, who have held power without a break since 1982.

Mr. Lafontaine's challenge emerged to the surprise of many experts Thursday after he registered unexpected opposition to the deployment of German warplanes over Bosnia.

The decline of the opposition group has coincided with other signs of political realignment. The Free Democratic junior Democrats as the most pow-

gent Greens. Its erstwhile leader. Klaus Kinkel, Germany's foreign minister, is embroiled in a dispute over his policies toward Iran that threatens his

political future. Mr. Kohl himself has come under fire in recent days for visiting an army barracks during a visit to China, the first Western leader to do so since the Tiananmen Square killings

But, at bome, opinion surveys still rate his Christian

coalition partner has fared dis-astrously in receot local polls. because of the chancellor's skill Germany's Social Democrats

Mr. Lafontaine, by contrast. incurred the wrath of many East Germans in the 1990 campaign by opposing the chancellor on reunification and was widely viewed as having misread the national mood.

Part of the malaise afflicting the Social Democrats is ascribed by political experts to the broader problems of a confused European left in molding a clear and voter-friendly profile in the wake of the Cold War.

thus, has opted for a more cen- sions.

Greens, with whom he shares forfeiting its position as a po- in turning Germany's reunifi- now seem set to seek their sal- agreement about when their de- team, meanwhile, reported last

Mr. Lafootaine is viewed as an acerbic populist and, as the Social Democrats descended into their fratricidal infighting this year, he shrewdly opted to wait in the wings.

Mr. Lafontaine's election to the party leadership does not necessarily imply that he will be the party candidate at the next national vote in 1998. Mr. Scharping, who had beld the leadership for only two years. will be his deputy in a party While Britain's Labor Party. marked by continuing divi-

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elsewhere.

At least two recent findings suggested that the large-brained species known as Homo erectus migrated out of Africa just under 2 million years ago - or about a half-million years earlier than many paleoanthropologists had previously thought. Homo erectus immediately preceded today's humans - Homo sapiens -- oo the evolu-

tionary family tree. A jaw found in the former Soviet republic of Georgia in- Yangtze river in Eastern Sichuan dicated that this ancestor left Province.

### found on the Indonesian island of Java could be 1.8 million The new announcement indicates that the migration began

Africa at least 1.6 million to 1.8

million years ago. A separate

even earlier, with a more primiove species that may then have evolved into the Asian Homo The Longgupo remains were first uncovered in 1987-88 in a

cavern at the end of an ancient valley, about 12 miles south of the Three Gorge section of the

# RIVALS: Asian Forum Worried

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visiting South Korea this week before attending the APEC leaders' meeting, said in Seoul that future friendly ties between Tokyo and Beijing depended on Japan's having a correct view of its past "militarism" — a reference to the Japanese occupation of both China and Korea before and during World We have to be on the alert

against the Japanese militaristic minority and urge Japan to pur-sue a peaceful path. he said. Many officials worry that Chinese-Japanese rivalry in trade, investment and political

into an arms race. In an interview published Wednesday in Japan, William Perry, the U.S. secretary of defense, said that maintenance Nuclear Critique of the U.S.-Japan security alliance and the presence of 47,000 American roops in Japan were the best ways to prevent a regional arms race.

which underpins the alliance, has come under increasing criticism in Japan following the recent abduction and rape of a 12-year old Okinawan schoolgirl, for which three American servicemen are being tried in a Japanese court. Partly because of that case, nationalist politicians and opinion-makers in Japan have been contending that the country needs to have independent foreign and defense policics But Mr. Perry cautioned that "if other countries in the Pacific - Japan, in particular --- would start a maor program of rearmament, then that would trigger an arms race in which China would be a participant."

In a recent survey, the Ingic Studies in London found veloping nations.

that both Japan and China were heavily understating their defense spending by excluding such items as research and development, which would be classified as military expenditure under NATO definitions.

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The institute esomated that actual military spending by China in 1994 amounted to \$28.5 billion, about four times the declared defense budget converted at the official rate. The institute also said that although Japan's 1995 defense budget denominated in yen increased by less than one percent over 1994, its dollar value at the April 1995 exchange rate rose trade, investment and political by 20 percent — 10 \$56 billion influence could easily spill over from nearly \$46 billion.

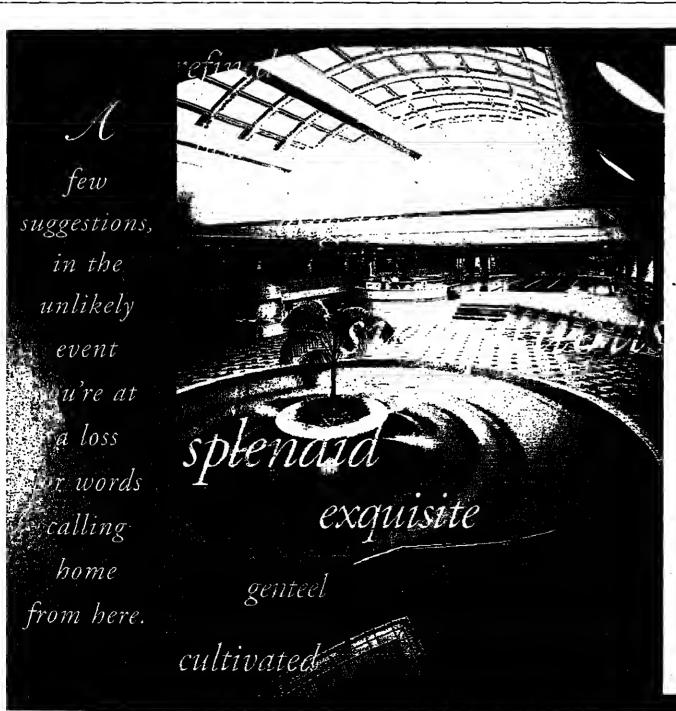
# CHINA:

Continued from Page 1 a nuclear test ban treat. China has pledged to sign it.

Beijing's report also defend-The U.S. military presence, ed the level of defense spending, which, after inflation, has increased about 50 percent since the late 1980s, according to CIA estimates.

Beijing also said it had converted 80 percent of the production from its vast military industries to civilian and consumer products. Striking a defensive posture

over its nuclear cooperation with such nations as fran and Pakistan, both of which have illicit nuclear weapons programs, the Chinese document pledged to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. But it also asserted, There must not be a double standard whereby anti-nuclear proliferation is used as a pretext to limit or retard the peaceful ternational Institute for Strate- use of nuclear energy by de-



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# **Hong Kong Asks China** To Sign UN Rights Pact

HONG KONG -- In a move likely to displease Beijing. Governor Chris Patten said Thursday that China should sign a United Nations human rights treaty to ease fears about Hong Kong's freedoms after China takes over in 1997. Mr. Patteo said the current

Chinese-British dispute over human rights in Hong Kong was upsetting confidence in the territory's economy in advance of the colony's return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

"Don't let anybody think that an argument about human rights in Hong Kong doesn't have any effect on economic confidence," he told the Legislative Council during a monthly question period.

Mr. Patten's remarks came hours after legislators voted overwhelmingly to condemn a China-backed proposal to water down the Hong Kong Bill of Rights, a cornerstone of the British colony's civil safeguards.

Concerns about freedoms have increased since a Chineseappointed committee recommended last mooth that the Bill of Rights, enacted despite Bei-jing's objections in 1991, should be trimmed after China regains sovereignty.

The committee also recommended that laws amended to comply with the measure which mainly concerned freedoms of speech, assembly and broadcasting — be restored to their original, less liberal state. After a heated four-hour de-

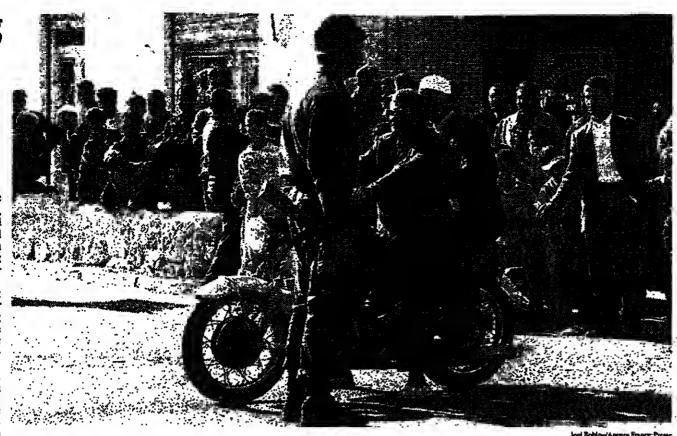
bate on Wednesday, the 60member legislature voted, 40 to 15, in support of a motion that strongly objected to the propos-

Mr. Patten said the Bill of Rights was a sign of Hong Kong's sophistication and that people were worried about it because they are concerned about their future, they are con-cerned about their way of life."

Japan Accepts Clinton's Bowing Out ed in line with the United Nations' International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. As a signatory, Britain has regularly reported to the UN Human Rights Committee about Hong Kong's buman rights situation.

the pact, it does not have to meeting issue reports on Hong Kong. to the UN committee.

United Nations. He urged Chinator Yohei Kono.
nato sign the pact. "What's the Mr. Clinton decides problem about reporting?" Mr. day to stay home to deal with a Patten asked. "There's nothing budget fight that has to hide." (AP, AFP) much of the government.



Under tight security in Algiers, voters arriving to take part in the presidential election on Thursday.

# Gifts in Space: A Banquet and a Guitar It's Smooth Sailing for Crews Aboard Alantis and Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida — The gether, and he thought the instrument mbined crews of the space shuttle At- would be an appropriate gift. combined crews of the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian space station Mir crowded together in the shuttle's middle

deck on Thursday to exchange gifts.

Speaking in Russian, the Atlantis commander, Colonel Kenneth D. Cameron, presented the three Mir cosmonauts with plaques commemorating past and present Mir-shuttle missions. The astronauts also gave the Mir crew knit shirts bearing the shuttle emblem, while the Mir crew gave the astronauts commemorative banners and badges.

But the centerpiece of the astronauts' gifts was a full-sized classical — but collapsible - guitar. Major Chris A. Hadfield, a Canadian member of the shuttle crew, said that when the two crews trained together they played guitars to-

Jerry Ross, another shuttle astronaut, saying that not everyone was talented enough to play a guitar, drew laughs when he gave the cosmonauts a tape of Texas country music.

After the gifts, the combined crews sat down for a meal planned by the astronauts that served partly as thanks for the elaborate meals the crew was treated to when they trained in Russia. It included soup, vegetables, shrimp cocktail, steak, potatoes and, to finish off, cherry pie and ice

Atlantis will undock from Mir at 0816 GMT on Saturday and return to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on

The American and Russian spacecraft

eler, as Colonel Cameron guided Atlantis to a docking with Mir, opened a hatch and presented his beaming Russian counter-part with flowers and a box of choco-

Back on Earth, space station managers from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and their Russian colleagues were meeting in Moscow to draft agreements governing how the two nations, aloog with Europe, Japan and Canada, will construct and operate a much more ambitious international space station. That project is scheduled to begin in two years

Atlantis's flight is the second of seven planned shuttle-Mir linkups to test hardware and procedures needed to go ahead with the project.

# were linked with the precision of a jew-

Algeria has been torn hy vi-

Some analysts said it was Algerian expatriates — about 5 million of them live in France, acted as a catalyst by rushing to cast their vote at Algerian consulates and embassies in Europe

# **Strong Turnout Reported** In Elections in Algeria

# State Radio Sees Victory for President

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - Sixty-five percent of Algeria's 16 million eligible voters were reported to have cast ballots in presidential elecoons Thursday, ignoring a call for a boycott by the opposition and defying armed Islamic groups that threatened to dis-

rupt the polling.
In an unconfirmed early prediction, state-nm Algerian radio said President Liamine Zeroual, a former army general, was winning 58 percent to 66 percent of the vote.

President Zeroual had appeared assured of defeating his hree opponents and winning a five-year term even before the voting started, but analysts saw the turnout— 65.5 percent ac-cording to the Ministry of Interior-as a serious setback for Islamic and secular opposition groups that had called upon Algerians to stay home.

In Washington, a spokesman for the Islamic Salvation Front, the main Islamist political force in the country, said only 26 per-cent of eligible voters went to the polls, but Algerian and French television showed large

numbers of people voting.
"I think people did not go to vote for candidates but to vote for peace, tranquillity, order, said a former senior official in Algiers. "Everyone wants reform. But it is clear they don't want to trust the opposition with

olence since 1992, when the military-backed government canceled elections that Islamic fundameotalists had been have been hlamed for the deaths of tens of thousands of people.

for the Algerian presidency. Opposition figures argued

that many people felt intimidated into voting and that the government deployed army and police troops in an obvious show of force.

poliocal exercise from which the main political forces in the country are excluded?" asked Louisa Hanoun, a secularist opponent of the government.

Analysts said President Zeroual's first task, if his victory is confirmed, would be to reshuffle his cabinet.

"Reform cannot be done with this cabinet," said the former senior government official.
"We need political ministers, not just technocrats, if you want to convince people you are se-

■ Voting Is Extended Polling officially ended at 7

tion on television — it was contagious," said Mohammed Moannounced that several centers gadem, a former media adviser would remain open for up to two hours, Reuters reported from Algiers.

Citing heavy turnout as the reason, the ministry said polling sites in the capital, Algiers, and the western town of Oran would remain open an extra one hour. What is the meaning of a In the eastern town of Constantine there would be a twohour extension until 9 P.M.

Iranian radio, meanwhile. said that the election was flawed because not all political forces in the country were taking part.

'Only the ruling military clique and a number of small parties affiliated to the military are participating in the elec-tions," the radio said in commentary monitored by the British Broadcasting Corpora-

Those who have staged the elections are the very same people who usurped power by trampling underfoot constitu-tional law," the radio said.

# Peres Expects to Name Cabinet Within a Week

The Associated Press JERUSALEM - Shimon Peres, the acting prime min-

ister, said Thursday that he expected to form a government within a week. Mr. Peres was given ap-

proval Wednesday to try to form a ruling coalition. He has 21 days to do so, but said Thurspoised to win. Islamic militants day that he expected to complete the task much sooner.

"If everything goes as an-ticipated, we shall bring the new cabinet before the Knesset on Wednesday," be said after a Germany and Belgium - who lecture at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

bodyguards as part of the unprecedented security measures agreement with the Palestini-"People saw that participa- taken since Prime Minister ans.

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated Nov. 4 by a Jewish extrem-

Mr. Peres, who has promised to keep the cabinet reshuffle to a minimum, would not discuss planned changes. He was expected to continue with the same Labor-led coalition that has governed Israel for the last three years with a 63-to-57 maiority in Parliament.

The new government is scheduled to remain in power until elections next October.

The media have reported that Mr. Peres will name himself defense minister to oversee the He was surrounded by five troop pullback in the West Bank under the autonomy

### Compact in the Soul From Departmen OSAKA, Japan - Stressing The cancellation of his visit scheduled to meet Sunday after the leaders' conference, a Japanese official said. to Osaka led to dismay in Japan. the chairman of the Asia-Pa-

the importance of their ties, Japan and the United States on Thursday dismissed the idea that China has agreed that the there was any negative impact or said a busy schedule reaty should apply to Hong from President Bill Clinton's de-Kong after 1997, but it says that cision to cancel his visit to Japan its ministerial meeting president from visiting this Kong arter 1997, but it says that cision to cancel his visit to Japan gan its ministerial meeting president from visiting this because Beijing has not signed and the Asian economic summit. Thursday.

Hong Kong will lose its access has with Japan is the cornerto the UN committee. stone of our Asian policy,"
But Mr. Patten said that Secretary of State Warren M. while Beijing has not signed the Christopher told reporters betreaty, it still must report to the fore a meeting with Foreign

Mr. Clinton decided Thursbudget fight that has closed

cific Economic Cooperation forum, whose leaders convene in

Legislators fear that this means relationship the United States ister Tomiichi Murayama was the two countries would set up a place here Friday. I suppose it can't be helped." Foreign Minister Kono ex-

Asked about a possible fu-

ture Clinton visit, Mr. Christo-

ican military bases in Japan.

pressed his "understanding" of protesting the continued pres-Mr. Clinton's decision to stay ence of American bases in the tribution while taking part in wake of the rape in September of discussions. Mr. Murayama and Vice a 12-year-old girl in Okinawa; President Al Gore, who will three servicemen have admitted stand in for Mr. Clinton, are being involved in the attack.

Okinawa's governor, Masa-hide Ota, said the cancellation by Mr. Clinton, who was expected to convey remorse for crime by American servicemen, was "ex-

tremely disappointing."

Mr. Christopher and Mr. Kono also stressed the importance of regular meetings of the "It's really regrettable that Mr. Christopher and Mr. United States, Japan and South the can't make it," Prime Min-Kono, meanwhile, agreed that Korea, one of which will take

quoted as saying by Japan's new council as soon as possible public broadcaster, NHK. 'But to discuss the future of Ameron Japan to offer support for reconstructioo in Bosnia, offi-The Japanese have been cials said. Mr. Kono replied that

They also agreed to cooperate in the fight against ter-(AFP, AP)

# **BOOKS**

### ENGINEERS OF

DREAMS: Great Bridge Builders and

the Spanning of America By Henry Petroski, 479 pages. \$30. Knopf.

Reviewed by Michael Z. Wise

THE bridge designer Othmar Ammann once remarked of himself and other largely unsung titans of structural engi-neering. We may lack glam-our and sparkle. We might even be considered dull by many people."

Though he may have lacked popular acclaim, at the end of his career Ammann could nonetheless take pride in the oriew from his apartment atop Manhattan's Carlyle Hotel. For historical anecdote and technoview from his apartment atop Manhattan's Carlyle Hotel. For he played a key role in creating inore than half a dozen specnacular bridges dotting the sky-readily associated with the line around New York City. Structures like Ammann's

souring George Washington Verrazano-Narrows bridges were once thought be-yord any man's reach. Nows-Bridges are boons to transport Buchanan Eads, Theodore

and communication, but we traverse them not so much marveling at their visual lyricism as distractedly hunting signs for the appropriate highway

turnoff. Petroski's book, a paean to the delicate balance of art and science that the best bridges represent, heightens our appreciation of these most utilitarian of monuments.
Amply illustrated with

black-and-white period drawings and photographs, Petros-ki's latest volume explains how major U.S. bridges came into being and why they look the way they do. Petroski, a professor of civil engineering at logical illumination to convey a sense of passion and drama not minute calculations of loadbearing and stress that are the

engineers' daily task. Focusing on the careers of five 19th- and 20th-century fig-ures who responded to demand days, Henry Petroski writes in first from the expanding rail-"Engineers of Dreams," we roads and then from the Amertend to take these colossal ican infatuation with the auachievements for granted tomobile — Ammann, James

demonstrates how successive generations of engineers were

nightmares.

One such hlow came when the south arm of the cantilevered Quebec Bridge collapsed while under construction over the St. Lawrence River in 1907 after Theodore Cooper miscalculated the weight of the steel the finished bridge would contain, leaving Duke University and author of its lower portions unable to bear "The Pencil" and "The Evo-the load. With it collapsed much trust in cantilevered structures. The disaster reverberated throughout the profession, prompting an alteration of the load of the Queensboro Bridge linking Manhattan and Queens, then under construction. Failures of other bridges brought more redesign and

retrofitting.

a pairs event, wirs. Accurate
Technological innovation held the South cards and was further transformed bridge ap- surprised to hear a rare opening roski's narrative.

like motion of a roadway they five clubs followed by six, and called Galloping Gertie. The not any acting performance, unintended amusement ride which would be unethical.

North might well have bid pass pass apart and fell into the water.

The more any acting performance, the which would be unethical.

North might well have bid pass pass and Mrs. Keohane thought it

engineering courses.

of daring. Yet this chronicle of Petroski's wish for greater in equal measure. the drive to create longer and communication between generlarger bridges is no saga of un-alloyed progress. Dreams, Pet-roski reminds us, can spiral into peril. Even if today's engineers

Cooper, Gustav Lindenthal and Film footage of the undulating he insists that their work be David Steinman — Petroski span is standard fare in today's coupled with a sense of history, since he justly believes that the The educational use of this finest bridges fuse engineering spurred on to ever greater feats footage fulfills, at least in part, know-how with artistic vision

Michael Z. Wise, who has warns, ignore the past at their written about architecture for peril. Even if today's engineers Metropolis, Progressive Archigain in confidence as new tecture, the New York Observer building materials and comput-er design tools are introduced, this for The Washington Post.

# **BRIDGE**

By Alan Truscott

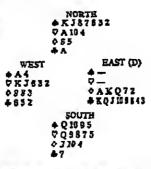
THERE has sometimes been of bridge, but there has never belonged to Ethel Keohane, who died at the age of 94.

On the diagramed deal from

pearance, and the tension be- on her right: six clubs. East had time of 700. tween structural principles and chosen a direct strategy, forcing aesthetics is a leitmotif of Petsix-level. Many would adopt a An ensuing predilection for a slow strategy, starting with one more streamlined silhouette club and hoping to be pushed to could not be indulged ad infinitum because of limits to just would start with five clubs. how much wind a ribbonlike hoping to be pushed: The op-bridge deck can withstand. This became clear when the Tacoma think that a player owning 12 Narrows Bridge near Seattle os- tricks would open pre-emptivecillated so in the weeks after it ly and would probably be willopened in July 1940 that ing to defend against a "re-throngs of thrill-seeking mo- luctant" six clobs. Reluctant, of torists were drawn by the wave- course, refers to a sequence of

over. She hid six hearts, deciding correctly that East held a freak hand and knew what he was doing. When West dou-hled, North should still have bid argument about the rightful hled. North should still have bid owner of title Grand Old Man six spades, which would have cost 500, but he passed. Six been any argument about the hearts doubled should have cost Grand Old Lady. That title long 900, in 1985 scoring, but that hearts doubled should have cost would still have been a good save against the 920 scored in six clubs at other tables.

In practice, West misdefended and Mrs. Keohane escaped for down four, a penalty at that



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# The Real Default

The budget deficit is the central problem of the federal government and one from which many of America's other most difficult problems flow. The deficit is largely driven in turn by the cost of the great entitlements that go not to small special classes of rich or poor but across the board to almost all Americans in time. The most important of these are the principal social insurance programs for the elderly, Social Security and Medicare. In fiscal terms. Medicare is currently the eatest threat and chief offender.

Bill Clinton and the congressional Democrats were handed an unusual chance this year to deal constructively with the effect of Medicare on the deficit, and they blew it. The chance came in the form of the congressional Republican plan to balance the budget over seven years. Some other aspects of that plan deserved to be resisted, but the Republican proposal to get at the deficit partly by confronting the cost of Medicare deserved support. The Democrats, led by the president, chose instead to present them-

selves as Medicare's great protectors.

They have shamelessly used the issue, demagogued on it, because they think that is where the votes are and that is the way to derail the Republican proposals generally. The president was still doing it this week; a Republican proposal to increase Medicare premiums was one of the reasons he alleged for the veto that bas shut down the government - and never mind that he himself, in his own budget, would countenance a similar increase.

We have said some of this before; it gets more serious. If the Democrats play the Medicare card and win, they will have set back for years, for the worst of political reasons, the very cause of rational government in behalf of which they profess to be behaving. Poliocally, they will have helped to lock in place the enormous financial pressure that they themselves are first to deplore on so many other federal programs, not least the programs for the ponr. That is the real default that could occur this year.

In the end, the Treasury will meet its financial obligations. You can be pretty sure of that. The question is whether the president and the Democrats will meet or flee their obligations of a different kind. On the strength of the record so far, you would have to bet on flight.

You will hear the argument from some that this is a phony issue; they contend that the deficit isn't that great a problem. The people who make this argument are whistling past a graveyard that they themselves most likely helped to dig.

The national debt in 1980 was less than \$1 trillion. That was the sum of all the deficits that the government had previdualy incorred - the whole two centrales'worth. The debt now, a fun-filled 15 years later, is five times that and rising at a rate approaching \$1 trillion a presidential term. Interest costs are a seventh of the budget, by themselves now a quarter of a icans are paying not just for the govemment they have but for the government they had and didn't pay for earlier.

The blamesters, or some of them, will tell you that Ronald Reagan did it, and his low-tax, credit-card philosophy of government surely played its part. The Democratic Congresses that ratified his budgets and often went him one better on tax cuts and spending increases played

Various sections of the budget are also favorite punching bags, depending who

is doing the punching. You will hear it said that someone's taxes ought to be higher (generally someone else's), or that defense should be cut, or welfare, or farm price supports or the cost of the bureaucracy. But even draconian cuts in any or all of these areas would be insufficient to the problem and, because dwelling on them is a way of pretending that the real deficit-generating costs don't exist, be-

side the point as well. What you don't hear said in all this talk of which programs should take the hit, since the subject is so much harder politically to confront, is that the principal business of the federal government has become elder-care. Aid to the elderly, principally through Social Security and Medicare, is now a third of all spending and half of all for other than interest on

the debt and defense. That aid is one of the major social accomplishments of the past 30 years; the poverty rate for the elderly is now, famously, well below the rate for the society as a whole. It is also an enormous and perhaps unsustainable cost that can only become more so as the baby boomers shortly begin to retire. How does the society deal with it?

The Republicans stepped up to this as part of their proposal to balance the budget. About a fourth of their spending cuts would come from Medicare. It took guts to propose that. You may remember the time, not that many months ago, when the village wisdom was that, whatever else they proposed, they would never take on Medicare this way. There were too many votes at stake. We don't mean to suggest by this that their proposal with regard to edicare is perfect — it most emphatically is not, as we ourselves have said as much at some length. So they ought to be argued with, and ways should be found to take the good of their ideas while rejecting the bad.

But that's not what the president and congressional Democrats have done. They have trashed the whole proposal as destructive, taken to the airwaves with a slick scare program about it, championing themselves as noble defenders of those about to be victimized. The Republicans want to take away your Medicare - that is the insistent PR message that Democrats have been drumming into the elderly and the children of the elderly all year.

The Democrats used to complain that the Republicans used wedge issues; this is the super wedge. And It is wrong.

In the long run, if it succeeds, the tactic will make it harder to achieve not just the right fiscal result but the right social result. The lesson to future politicians will be that you reach out to restructure Medicare at your peril. The result will be to-crowd out of the budget other programs for less popular or powerful constituencies -- we have in mind the poor - that the Democrats claim they are committed to protect.

There is a way to get the deficit down isn't rocket science. You spread the burden as widely as possible. Among much else, that means including the broad and in some respects inflated middle-class entitlements in the cuts. That is the direction in which the president ought to be leading and the congressional Democrats following. To do otherwise is to hide, to lull the public and to perpetuate the budget problem that they profess to be trying to solve. Let us say it again: If that's what happens, it will be the real default.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# **Billboard Blight**

Billboards bring blight to America's highways, but the billboard industry brings cash to members of Congress. That is why Congress is close to undoing a modest achievement in the long struggle to limit the spread of roadway signs. Billboard lobbyists have held up \$6 billion in highway construction funds while pressing to repeal a ban on new billboards on roads designated as scenic byways. Their strategy may be working. The Sen-ate, whose highway spending bill did not mention billboards, is yielding to House conferees who insist on gutting a billboard ban enacted only four years ago.

At stake is a 1991 federal program that has encouraged 42 states to designate a modest 15,000 miles (24,000 kilometers) of highway - less than I percent of all American roads — as scenic byways. Under the program, new billboards are banned. In exchange the states are per-mitted to advertise the roads as "scenic,"

which helps attract tourists. From time to time, the federal Department of Transportation has granted exemptions for new billboards in commercial or industrial sections -- but not nearly enough exemptions to suit Representative Bud Shuster of Pennsylvania,

chairman of the House Transportation Committee. Re-elected in 1994 with the help of \$67,000 from billboard interests. Mr. Shuster persuaded the House to insert in the transportation spending bill a pro-

gotiating for the Senate's version of the bill, asked Mr. Shuster to drop the bill-board provision in return for the dropping by the Senate of a measure allowing states to use some highway money for passenger railroads. Mr. Shuster rejected that offer and Mr. Warner gave in, saying the highway funding was too important to allow further delay. Mr. Warner asked only for House agreement on a largely meaningless gesture, language that would show Congress's approval of the way the Transportation Department has been dealing with proposed exemptions. But Mr. Shuster wants even this par-

liamentary stroking toned down. The fragile scenic byways program, which depends on federal-state cooperation and sensitivity toward the environment, is now in danger of being picked apart, state by state. The Senate needs to reject this threat to the landscape.

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# **EDITORIALS/OPINION**

# A Good Test of China's Maturity as a Serious Power

HONG KONG — Hong Kong residents like to talk about their insurance policies, but not the types that cover cars, bornes or health. Here insurance means protection against China. The most

popular policy is a foreign passport.

The transfer of Hong Kong from
Britain to China on July 1, 1997, promises to be a great test of China's maturity as a world power.

If China takes possession of Hong Kong while letting the city retain its entrepreneurial spirit, fair judiciary, free press and incipient democracy, Beijing will reassure a world wary of its Com-

If China erases the rule of law in Hong Kong and strangles civil liberties, the city's commercial energy may not survive, and China's place among nations will be compromised. China has everything to gain by leaving Hong Kong intact. Half its exports are

shipped through Hong Kong, and twothirds of foreign direct investments in China already pass through Hong Kong businesses and financial institutions.

Most Hong Kong manufacturing com-

By Philip Taubman

panies have moved their factories to southern China in recent years, transferring jobs and wealth as they went. The Hong Kong stock market promises to be a primary source of capital for new and growing Chinese companies.

As Chinese commercial centers like Shanghai struggle to achieve world-class rank, Hong Kong is there right now, along-side New York, London and Tokyo. Business leaders like Victor Fung.

chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, have great faith in the strength and durability of the city's capitalist character. The traders, bankers, brokers and builders of Hong Kong cannot imagine why China would want to spoil such a powerful engine of economic growth. In economic terms they are right, but they may underestimate the political hazards ahead.

The British implanted a free press and judiciary in Hong Kong. After a century and a half of imperial rule. Britain has belatedly introduced a touch of demo-

28th and last governor of Hong Kong. Mr. Patten has not turned Hong Kong into a democracy, but he has uncorked a desire for greater self-determination and made it possible for progressive political leaders like Martin Lee, chairman of the Hong Kong Democratic Party, to step forward as 1997 nears.

The danger is that China, skittish about political dissent and democratic process, will roughly toss aside Mr. Lee and others like him and enforce strict ideological conformity in Hong Kong. That could quickly chill relations between Beijing and Washington, where many in Congress are spoiling for a fight with China, and shake foreign investors' confidence

in Hong Kong.
From there, it would not take much to panic the Hong Kong real estate market, and with it the city's wealth,

Resentment about Hong Kong runs strong in China, and the Chinese government has made clear that it has no intendon of preserving Mr. Patten's innovations, including an increase in di-

cratic governance in recent years under the leadership of Chris Patten, London's body that has given citizens some say in

Powell Ward

city governance. Chinese officials say dissent will be tolerated in Hong Kong, provided it is not part of an effort to undermine the government in Beijing. That sounds like a formula easily interpreted to suffe free expression.

Hong Kong is an economic phenomenon, one that a practical and increasingly commercial China can appreciate and preserve. But Hong Kong is also 6 million people who have lived in a more open and tolerant society than the one they will join in 1997.

Under terms of the transfer, China agreed to give Hong Kong a high degree of autonomy for 50 years, except in matters of foreign affairs and defense. "One country, two systems" was the way the Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping described the plan when Britain and China reached agreement in 1984.

It will be a sad day for Hong Kong and a senseless loss for China if Beijing fails

to honor Mr. Deng's word. The New York Tunes.

# Republicans Go Too Far, Democrats Go Nowhere, Voters Get Mad

Washington's poliocians doing this to themselves? The "this" in question is the replacement of serious budget negotiations with a stupid game of chicken that threatens the government's

credit and basic operations. Poliocians are not as dumb as this exercise makes them look. They know perfectly well that voters will lonk at all this as a little boys' schoolyard game, lastminute deals to postpone chaos notwithstanding. A price for lonking foolish bas been paid.

So bow did they end up bere? The answer is rooted in a huge misreading of last year's election returns by Congress's new Republican leadership and by many of the Republican freshmen. It is also the result of deep splits in the Republican Party that have delayed passage of appropriations But what mandate? The Repub-

WASHINGTON — Coogress and the president are locked

in a genuine ideological struggle.

Let's try to puzzle out the reason

new spending. When his popn-

larity plunged and his presidency

again with a grandiose health

plan. Conservatives blocked it.

He seized the challenge of the

Contract With America, and by

campaigning as a liberal helped

Chastised, in 1995 he placed

bring in a Republican Congress.

himself squarely in the middle

again. His "triangulation" strat-

egy was to turn the White House

into Halfway House. In this wide-

ly advertised midcourse correc-

tion, he accepted a tax cut, agreed

to end key entitlements, even

By E. J. Dionne Jr. bills. And Republican leaders let

this happen because they had every reason to expect that the president would bend to their will. That was their only defensible calculation, but so far it has turned

out to be wrong.
The Republicans' biggest mistake was trying to ram through buge changes in the structure of government without anything like the public support that such transformations require. This is ironic, since the Republicans' favorite line during Bill Clinton's first two years has been that large changes should never be attempted on the

basis of slim majorities. After 1994, the Republicans acted as if they suddenly had a mandate from heaven and the voters to do anything they wanted.

budget someday. It seemed there

welfare reform and no longer ac-

quiesced in the Republicans' sev-

is unmistakable; the question is

the cause. Some in the White

House say their polls showed that

Democratic attacks on Republican belt-tightening had begun to bite and that Speaker Newt Gin-

grich's negatives were rising.

But these arguments had been made months before by dismayed

Democrats in Congress. Their objections to Mr. Clinton's recent

above-party positioning had been

decisively rejected by a president

who had concluded that liberal-

was no left left.

the impasse came to pass.

On taking office in 1993, the previously centrist Bill Clinton strategy. He suddenly found danger in reducing the rate of growth

made a surprise 'lurch to the ger in reducing the rate of growth left,' raising taxes and proposing of Medicare, backed away from

As 1994 began, he moved left lurch to the left? The redirection

teetered, be hastily moved back en-year balance timetable.

licans gathered roughly 52 percent of the vote in the House elections. The turnout was 39 percent of the potential electorate, hardly a popular outpouring. Their new majorities in both bouses were quite narrow. And the evidence is quite clear that the 1994 vote was more a negative verdict on the Democrats' fail-

ideological turn in the public. It is true, of course, that the Bolsheviks could launch a revolution without even having a majority. But whatever one thought was wrong with the Republicans, nobody lost sleep at night worrying that they were Leninists.

ures than the result of some sharp

Maybe that was a mistake. As soon as he won his historic but far overwhelming majority, Gingrich began talking

What, then, drove the president

They persuaded themselves, I

and his advisers to make this mid-

course correction of a midcourse

am told, that the political center had been secured. Moreover, with

the departure of Colin Powell

from the lonely middle, Mr. Clin-

ton could now afford to go left-

parties disagree. They think Mr.

Clinton's third left turn was a result

of (a) the polls earlier cited show-

ing that fear ads were working on

seniors; (b) the absence of comity

in Gingrich & Co.; (c) the bot-

toming-out of Democratic decline

in the most recent elections, and

tral. On Oct. 17, President Clinton

recalled his 1993 budget to an

audience of Houston fat cars and confessed: "You think I raised

I believe that last reason is cen-

(d) "the president's tax gaffe."

Congressional savants of both

Clinton Promised Change and Keeps On Changing

By William Safire

correction?

"revolution" and never stopped. His biggest revolutionary move was the balanced budget, which was built on ideas that were not discussed at all in 1994.

Sure. the Republicans promised a balanced budget. But they never told the voters what they planned to do to get there. When the Democrats said the Republicans would cut Medicare, the Republicans accused them of scare tactics." The Republicans didn't say they would take huge chunks out of Medicaid, nor did they explain what they would do to student loans or a thousand other things. Indeed, they didn't come up with a Medicare plan until this fall, hoping to rush it through be-

fore voters got too close a lonk. The Republicans were counting on getting credit for boldness, which they did. By building pressure for a balanced budget as a

surprise you to know that I think I

-ideological turnabout-was exces-

to presidential persuasion -

seethed. Mr. Clinton had crossed

the line from philosophical flip-

flop, which is excusable as cir-

cumstances change, to outright

betrayal of party loyalty, which is

He had to make serious

amends. From then on — take this slowly — the old new Clinton was

replaced by the new old Clinton.

That is, in his dealings with Congress on the budget, the centrist of 1992, late 1993 and early 1995

gave way to the liberal of early 1993 and 1994. (Needs a chart.)

vetoes accompanied by the most strident liberal oratory, but his re-

not trust Mr. Clinton to make any

Their mistrust is fairly placed.

and conservative rhetoric the ex-

deal without them in the room.

That would explain not only his

politically unforgivable.

with excuses about fatigue.

Mr. Clinton's reversal of ver-

raised them too much, too."

way, which they did for a while. But then a couple of things happened. The most public involved Mr. Clinton's flip-flops on his tax and welfare programs, which reversed the pressures on him - it is now more important for him tobe tough than conciliatory.

general proposition, they also hoped to push Mr. Clinton their

Despite the magnitude of what they have done, the Republicans have had difficulties in presenting a united front on specifics by passing all their bills in time. A lot of Republicans have serious doubts, about what the red hots in the House want to do, and they have struggled to modify, moderate and after more radical proposals. delaying final action. By getting the president's acquiescence even before the whole process is fin-ished, the leadership would weaken the hand of those in their own party who would in fact like to

reopen some of these issues. Finally, the public mood seems to be working against the Republicans — and is also pushing Mr. Clinton away from them. In. 29 truth, the underlying mood, which is basically skittish, bas not changed much since 1994.

dicts hit liberal pols like a sand-bag on the back of the neck. He But the election results have. The public never wanted major cuts in popular programs, which is why the Republicans didn't talk had added insult to injury. His about Medicare in 1994; its wants sive, not damage-controllable were rather general, a desire that Republicans hailed it as an adpoliticians reform and, where reamission that his tax policy was a sonable, pare down government. great mistake, while Democrats Once the Republicans went bedown in '94 as a result of caving to do much for reform - they started getting punished. Thus last week's election results from Virginia and Kentucky.

After the 1994 voting, the Republicans got some wise advice from strategist Bill Kristol. Mr. Kristol is no ideological shrinking violet, but he warned the Republicans not to pretend that they controlled the White House yet. He suggested that they take incremental steps to build toward a real mandate in 1996 that would give them both the institutional and the popular support to achieve their program.

Instead the Republicans sought much more than that and, in the process, educated the public on exactly what a balanced budget in seven years would mean.

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fusal to meet, or take phone calls from, Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich without top Democrats pre-sent. The minority leaders, Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt, do The way out of this is for everyone to fall back, to have a bigpublic argument between now and 1996 and give the voters a chance to make the big decisions.

The Republicans have made Although he is now firmly on the their approach clear. Mr. Clinton left, protecting with liberal zest and the Democrats could usefully use the next year to, well, clarify plosiou in spending, the weath-ervane president is likely to swing exactly what they are for. In the meantime, there could be some right again.

When that happens, as it so regularly does, the executive and legmeasurable progress toward deficit reduction, since everyone agrees that some cuts in Medicare and Medicaid are inevitable.

islative branches will be aligned to end the deficits. One thing will not The Republicans would not get change: This president, who can their revolution, but the voters, on the promise of change, will who are supposed to run things. would be a lot more comfortable. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

### 1895: Bank Scandal

keep changing his mind.

BRUSSELS - Great consternaoon was caused in Brussels this morning [Nov. 16] by a rumor that a deficit of two and a half million francs had been discovered in the cashier's accounts at the great banking establishment known as Société Générale. As soon as it was found out that the cashier, a man named Hennin, had appropriated this money, probably in order to speculate in gold mines, the police were immediately informed. The cashier, who belongs to a well-known Belgian family, is being searched for.

1920: Losses in Ireland

LONDON - Since June 30 British troops in Ireland have been attacked on 99 occasions, with the result that thirty men have been killed, ninety wounded and 98 captured or disarmed according to Mr. Winston Churchill, who made

Commons to-day [Nov. 16], Mr. Churchill added that heavy losses have been inflicted on the rebels and that everything the military authorities have asked for is being supplied for the maintenance of order in Ireland, including means for the prevention of ambushes.

### 1945: De Gaulle Resigns PARIS - After one more day of

consultations in an effort to break the deadlock created by the Communists, General Charles de Gaulle tendered his resignation as President of the interim government of France in a letter delivered last night [Nov. 16] to Felix Gouin. president of the Constituent Assembly. The General's final decision became known just before midnight, several hours after a report of his resignation had been published in special editions of the French afternoon papers. The definite announcement was made by M. Gouin without disclosing the the statement in the House of terms of the letter of resignation.

# went along with balancing the ism was doomed. your taxes too much. It might

vision giving states complete discretion. Senator John Warner of Virginia, ne-DARIS - Americans used to say that politics stop at the water's edge. Don't carry on your home fights from abroad,

and don't mess up foreign policy with your personal politics. Of course, the injuctions were violated on occasion. There was a time when all presidential candidates felt that their campaign tours had to include the "three I's" - Ireland, Italy and Israel - to please constituents sensitive to those countries. And, naturally, foreign affairs is a valid political issue.

But the political game is being played now in an unaccept-able, even dangerous way that makes a trivial plaything of serious foreign policy questions, to the detriment of America's national interest.

"bostages in guerrilla policial warfare," in the words of Spurgeon Keeny, Jr., president of the Arms Control Association.

The most egregious player is Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, long an irritating nuisance to the State Department, now becoming a menace. Senator Bob Dole has also indulged, both on moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and trying to lift unilaterally the UN arms embargo on Bosnia. It is time for the U.S. Senate to restore some dignity and sense of responsibility. The most important of many

issues at stake is the START-2

treaty. It was signed by Pres-

idents George Bush and Boris

Yeltsin in January 1993, and has

broad bipartisan support. It pro-

vides for the dismantling of some

12,000 nuclear weapons, half needed immediately. It would

By Flora Lewis

each from Russia and the United States. But these weapons remain

Mr. Helms refuses to call a meeting of his Foreign Affairs

convention banning munitions of chemical warfare, and a couple of dozen ambassadorial appointments. This is not the first time he has abused his powers for a peeve or a whim, but now

It is not only the opposite of productive bipartisanship; it reduces vital national goals to because the Russian Duma won't do anything about it before the United States does. After elections next month, there is no telling whether Russia's new legislature, likely to be more nationalistic, will accept it at all Loss of the treaty would really

> Franklin Roosevelt made bipartisan foreign policy a real achievement after the United States entered World War II. Harry Truman advanced it, always taking care to include leading majority and minority figures from both houses of Congress in American delegations to important negotiating conferences. The custom was lost in the past generation. It should be re-established. It is

in the arsenals because the treaty has not been ratified.

Committee to send the treaty to a floor vote because of his fend with the State Department, in which he is trying to force an He is also holding up a crucial

he is really going too far.
The START treaty is urgent

be setting the nuclear clock back closer to danger.

the key to giving U.S. policy the sturdy credibility it needs in dealing with other countries.

But on START, action is

be a wise and fitting service for Senator Sam Nunn, before his

planned retirement, to take the floor and demand that the treaty be put to a vote, perhaps to-gether with one of his frequent Republican partners, John

Warner or Richard Lugar.

There is even a good case for changing the rules to put a stop to Helms-type irrelevant blockage on major matters. The states and the statesmen with whom the United States makes agreements that it wants and needs cannot be expected to put up with waiting on an individual

senator's pet gripe.
Only the United States and Russia are parties to START (many countries signed the chemical warfare treaty but are waiting for Washington to act before ratifying), but making the promise of nuclear disarmament a fact is in everybody's interest.

It would be perfectly reasonable and proper for America's friends — say, France, Britain, Germany, Canada, Japan — to raise their voices and call on Washington to move swiftly before the treaty risks failure in the uncertain Moscow environment.

The situation is so absurd that it is hard to believe. But those 12,000 unneeded warheads are real. When START-2 was signed, there was also a promise of moving on to negotiate further mutual reductions, which would set a new climate for the other nuclear powers, and belp prevent proliferation. That promise is in abeyance, too.

There aren't even any votes to be won in this kind of political shell game. It goes on behind the public's back. Here is some-

thing worth protesting.

Wanted Fast: Bipartisan Dignity

Voters Gety

# Powell Was Just Too Grown-Up to Run

OS ANGELES — Colin Powell's decision not to seek the presidency was the right one for him. The man is obviously unqualified: He appears to be sane.

Also, he never had a chance. The American system of selecting presidents is rigged against outsiders, particularly sane ones. The rules of the game, state election laws, are contracts between the Democratic and Republican parties to preserve each other. The only outsiders who rush in where angels fear to tread are self-financed and self-deluded souls

of the Ross Perot sort. General Powell looked before leaping into the abyss of national politics and saw that it is a nuthouse. It is a pit dug by men like Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, who have trouble remembering what they have said and done from one day to the next, and Newt Gingrich, who hears the voices of demons when

mere opponents or skeptics are try-ing to get his shattered attention. The fact that millions of citizens apparently wanted the general to run had nothing to do with what happened. There was simply no

place for him in this business. He learned that the third-party route is a mirage, seemingly real only to those willing to spend millions upon millions of their own dollars for the dubious pleasures of being on television and being recognized at restaurants. The DemoBy Richard Reeves

cratic Party is a closed shop for now with a sitting president and vice president. And anyone who has been on the floor of a Republican National Convention, among the believers, knows that General Powell had about as much chance of winning there as Madonna does -

The general also never really had a chance of winning.

even if he or she went out and won every primary election. The knownothings who have devoted 30 years of their lives to taking over and making over the Grand Old Party are oot about to hand their creation over to an Episcopalian from the devil's own home, New

It's too bad. General Powell lonked presidential and then some in his press conference last Wednesday — articulate and disciplined. He said what he had to say and stopped - President Clinton should study the videotape — demonstrating that be does not need four stars on each shoulder to control a roomful of reporters. He also said things that

I was moved when he ended his opening statement by saying: "In one generation we have moved from denying a black man service at a lunch counter to elevating one to the highest military office in the nation and to being a serious candidate for the presidency. This is a magnificent country.'

Yes, it is, even if it is sometimes run by clowns, nasty ones at that. I was moved again when General Powell said we Americans had to restore a sense of shame in this

I might have chosen a different word, but we have become or are becoming shameless, looking the other way in a society where notoriety becomes respect, where ly-ing is accepted without real penalty and where we no longer accept responsibility for illiterate schoolchildren or human beings sleeping on the streets. I know, Newt, it's all their own fault.

Pobtically, I wanted General Powell to run as a Republican be-cause I believe that some of the shame and shamelessness of America would be attacked across the society if large numbers of black Americans began to vote Republican. The current pattern of American racial politics - with blacks voting overwhelmingly Democratic — is relatively new. Until the rise of Franklin D. Roosevelt, should be listened to and pondered. blacks were a solid vote for "the



party of Lincoln," as General Powell called the Republicans. But even after F.D.R., Republicans perceived to be "in the spirit of Lin-coln," in General Powell's words. like Dwight Risenhower and Nelson Rockefeller were able to win more than 40 percent of the black vote --- until the presidential candidacy of Barry Goldwater in 1964 seemed to push blacks out of the Republican Party forever.

Perhaps General Powell will still

play a role in that. His life after all is

a "magnificent" American story. He's a same guy, after all. Too bad there's no room for him in politics. In the last line of a Powell story in The New York Times, an anonymous "leading Republican" was quoted as saying: "He demonstrat-ed today why be should be president. He's a grown-up." A grown-up! How unusual in the

ics of our day.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### No to Nigerian Junta

Well-placed civilians must join in saying no to the bloated opinion Nigeria's military has of itself. The international community can help immensely in forcing the soldiers to the wall, making them accept that Nigeria has had enough of military tutelage and nothing worthy to show for it. Nigeria surely deserves better. HERBERT MADU.

The Bad News

Of the 10 reasons why the United States is a better place to live in 1995 than 1959 (Opinion, Nov. 9), at least three are misleading or false.

 More Americans are going to college than ever, but, nevertheless, Americans are more poorly educated than at any time since World War II. Not only are schools more poorly preparing students for college, but large numbers of those who go to college care little about education or are unwilling to work hard. I know: I taught for 30 years.

· Perhaps television could open "the world to our eyes and minds," but it is ludicrous to claim that it has done so, Indeed, television more than any other single influence is responsible for the rot in our educational system.

Minorities may have been "brought into the mainstream of life" and it may be true that "discrimination has become a crime rather than a habit," but the rise of a black middle class and that of other minorities has masked the increasingly hopeless state of an underclass for whom traditional jobs are disappearing, and for whom the educational system they need to prepare them for 21st-century jobs is

failing disastrously.

ANTHONY RALSTON. London.

### Slur on Scholars

Regarding "Lubbers Is in Doubt for NATO as U.S. Signals Objec-

tions" (Nov. 10): I was a bit disgruntled to read that the Clinton administration objected

to Mr. Lubbers' appointment, among other reasons, because 'he has lost his edge after being in academic life for a couple of years." This is a view reminiscent of those held in bygone days of leper colonies.

BART DeSMIT.

### About the B-2

Regarding "Weapons Games in Fantasyland, and Players Are Glad to Pay" (Opinion, Oct. 9):

William Pfaff, who calls U.S. congressional support of the B-2 bomber "pork barrel politics." should get his facts straight.

Northrop Grumman, the prime contractor, submitted a proposal to

produce 20 more B-2s for a fixed price of \$570 million per aircraft. Adding government costs such as spares, training and facilities construction, the total comes to about \$750 million per aircraft, not \$2.25 billion, as Mr. Pfaff asserts.

ment rebutted claims that the B-2 would not meet its performance requirements, stating that based on test results to date, it expected the developmental flight testing program to meet the program's combat capability commitments.

In addition, the Defense Depart-

TONY CANTAFIO. Los Angeles.

The writer is a spokesman for

# Standoff in Washington: Do You Feel Lucky, Newt?

By Megan Rosenfeld

voir Dogs," about a gang of bick-ering jewel thieves, in which three we like the fierce father image. of the crooks pull guns on each other. After staring one another down for a few seconds, they all pull their triggers at once.

The face-off is an American

cliché. Two guys locked in con-frontation. Who'll blink first and

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lose the game? "What you have to what yourself is, do you feel lucky?
Well, dn ya, punk?" said Clint Eastwood in the first "Dirty Harry."
And of course, "High Noon," starring Bill Clinton vs. Newt Ginsiah Bell Clinton vs. Newt Ginsiah Bell Clinton vs. Newt Cli

grich and Bob Dole, facing each other down in "Budget Impasse at the Congressional Corral." Or Ronald Reagan as President Reagan, facing down the air traffic controllers in the strike of 1981, firing

every last one of them.
"Negotiating is quite uninteresting and quite boring," said James C. Thomas, a lawyer who handles mergers and acquisitions and who wrote "It's Negotiable."

"Americans in general hate ne-gotiating. We'd rather cut to the chase, and all the other clichés," he said. "Similarly, we like to win, and teod to see negotiating in terms of a battle, with negotiators as gunfighters instead of problem-solvers."

We have a habit of rewarding presidents whn take fierce, strong positions with high approval ratings, even though their sumo wrestler moves may not actually produce the best policy. Clearly, a scenarin reduced to two or three guys facing each other down is an easier pitch to use Hollywood parlance — than the oumbing complexity of actual negotiation. Recent polls show that President Clinton's approval rating is at 50 percent, one of the highest numbers he's had - and that voters hlame the Republican-directed Congress for the stalemate more than

they blame the president.

The standoff is at odds with the current trend in American business and government, which is to avoid confrontation, work out a compromise that saves face for everyone and say nice things at the end.

And yet, we are attracted to the

WASHINGTON — There's a leader who Takes a Stand — as long as we perceive it to be based on as we perceive it to be based on We like the fierce father image.

"The American public have often shown a preference for a strong, bold leader, even if that leader is wrong," said Max Bazerman, a professor specializing in dispute res-clution and organization at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

"Historically, presidents have benefited from confrontations," said Peter Cramton, a professor of economics at the University of Maryland. "Like the Gulf War. The president gets to demonstrate lead-ership abilities and take a stand. American people like that. They ral-

ly around a cause." The catch is that none of this helps resolve the problem, and the more heated the rhetoric, the further away the solutioo.

Experienced negotiators recognize the process. 'Once both sides are committed to a particular issue, then it turns into a game of chicken that nobody wins," Mr. Cramton said.

Mr. Thomas recalls the Cuban missile crisis as an example of bow. be says, "politics and good negotiation are often at odds.

'Jack Kennedy leaked the story to The New York Times because of political needs of his own, because he was seen as being weak and having no experience in foreign policy. So he delivers a public ultimatum, knowing that Khrushchev has to back down," he said. "Kennedy won, and it also started the biggest military buildup in the history of the world. If it had been done privately, the missiles would have gone and no one would have known.

To get the budget negotiations back on track, Mr. Thomas says, the first thing that has to happen is for both sides to "stop having press conferences every hour." They also have to agree to another condition that may be truly impossible: "no gloating at the end.

Of course, they could all keep staring, guns drawn. Or it's possible that one side will emerge the winner and the other the loser. But a "Reservoir Dogs" resolution may be more likely: everybody gets hit.

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The lobby of the Chalermkrung Royal Theater in Thailand's capital; a mythical garuda at the post office.

# On the Art Deco Trail in Bangkok

By Carl Rosenstein

ANGKOK — A few years ago, in edominantly Muslim Malaysia, discovered a boulevard lined with Art Deco residences and commerpayment for the Malaysian Palms that line the shores of South Florida. This serendipitous find on Penang Island in the sleepy city of Georgetown, where trishaws are still a popular mode of transport, began my five-year search for more early modern architecture in Asia.

In subsequent travels I discovered a wealth of Art Deco and early modern buildings, monuments and bridges in Singapore, Jakarta, Rangoon and Saigon — vestiges of the final years of Dutch, French and British colonialism. Some of it is textbook European design imported to these colonized capitals, but the best works are electrifying blends of early modernistic ideas and Oriental inspiration. The main train station in Rangoon is an imposing modern concrete structure crowned with four traditional Burmese temple spires. A theater in Bandung on Java has a bas-relief done in pure Dutch Expressionist style with representations of water buffaloes and rice farmers wearing conical hats.

Surprisingly, of all of the Southeast Asian capital cities, Bangkok, never colonized, possesses the richest trove of Art Asian epic. Deco. In the West, Art Deco and streamline design were symbolic stylizations of 'modernization" and "utopian futurism";

startling effect. They were more than simple stylizations, they were icons of a new age, a conscious shift toward the West. Hualampong Station, Bangkok's main

terminal, was built on New Road just before World War I and is a gem of early modernism. The station predates the Art Deco period but it is a magnificent transitional structure. Its portico entrance is neoclassical but its sweeping vaulted ironframed roof exemplifies the most up-todate engineering of its time. At either end of the terminal, the symmetrically pat terned colored glass skylights are pure expressions of Dutch Modernism.

The architect used the de Stijl philosophical aesthetic, working with straight lines and primary colors and neutral black, white and grays. This curtain of colored

Farther along New Road is the General Post Office, in the Silom-Surawong commercial and financial district. Built in 1927, the post office is a solid four-story structure with strong vertical Art Deco cial buildings, some looking as if they had lines. Mounted atop either side of the centern transplanted from Miami Beach in tral tower's vertical piers are two magnificent, monumental sculptures of the garuda (known in Thai as Raja Krut), the mythical man-bird, the mount of Vishnu. The post office's three massive entrance doors support wrought-iron grillwork twisted into a "frozen fountain" motif with gilded garudas mounted in the center.

Looming above Chinatown's crowded narrow streets and its endless streams of vehicles, the street stalls with their pungent aromas of chili and fish sauce and the enormous crush of humanity, are the strong vertical lines and streamlined curves of Art Deco. Yaowarat Road and New Road are lined with a variety of Art Deco and modern buildings, especially near the Hang Tong gold market. Many commercial buildings in Chinatown are topped with adomments, some 10 to 15 feet high. On one is an elephant, on another a lion; still another has Moorish dome and one even sports the Eiffel Tower. The Hua Seng Heng gold exchange is urbane with its stepped-glass block facade and ornamental grillwork de-picting the crown of the mythical King Rama, as depicted in the Ramayana, an ancient

On the edge of Chinatown, farther down New Road in the direction of the Royal Palace, is the Radio City Music Hall of in Bangkok, Art Deco structures had a more startling effect. They were more than simone of the city's last Art Deco theaters. A gift to the Thai people from King Rama VII in 1933, the theater was designed by Prince Samaichaloem, who studied at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. The theater is a vivid geometric building, hexagonal in shape,

When Stockholm police received surprises. AFP says: "Sizes are incorrect. Winter and summer pants are different lengths. The articles are sewn incorrectly and the pockets are up in the armholes," an officer said. One policeman received only a cap.

lights softly illuminates the hive of activity adorned on three sides with ornamental

edallions of the mythical King Rama. Not far from the theater, at the center of a traffic circle at Ratchadamnoeo and Triptech Roads, is the Democracy Monument. Rising from the swirl of vehicles are four magnificent winged finials of poured conrete that mark the bloodless coup of 1932 that abolished the absolute monarchy of Rama VII and replaced it with a constitutional monarchy.

The monument's four symbols of freedom are mounted on pediments with elaborate bas-relief panels. One panel characterizes strength, wisdom, justice and compassion, while another represents maternity, youth, vigilance and labor. They bring to mind the bas-reliefs by Lee Lawrie on the International Building at Rockefeller Center depicting the four races of mankind and Art, Science, Trade and Industry. Along the center median of Ratchadamnoen are sculptured kinarees, voluptuous spirit beings, half maiden and half bird. They stand affixed atop lamp posts, supporting street lights on their staffs.

ARTHER along Ratchadamnoen. toward the National Assembly, is the Ratchadamnoen stadium, built in the 1930s. Flanking the marquee, two outstanding bas-reliefs depict kick boxers, wrestlers, matadors, swordsmen, charging elephants and chariots.

Art Deco can be spotted in many other corners of the city. At the entrance to the Phumhayotta Memorial Bridge, built in 1929-32, is a bronze statue of Rama I, the founder of Bangkok. Lumphini Park, at the east end of Silom Road, has another Rama, this one in memory to the park's founder, Rama VI. In the park I came across a footbridge with street lamps that echo the Pueblo Deco Thunderbird motif. The Art Deco Bangkok metropolitan administration building on Triptetch Road, close to Democracy Monument, recalls a traditional Thai temple. It has a two-tiered pitched tile roof with Thai finials extending from the roof corners. The windows have triangular arches, as does the entrance portico.

And there are many lesser buildings and monuments to be seen. In Bangkok I was always surprised by what was around the

Carl Rosenstein, who is writing a book about Art Deco in tropical cities, wrote this for The New York Times.

# Flowers and Games in Chiang Mai

By Martha Stevenson Oison

HIANG MAI, Thailand - Thailand's northern metropolis of Chiang Mai has the determinedly busy air of a host preparing for a large gathering. Roads are being widened and repaved, temples are getting face-lifts, and everywhere banners and billboards trumpet the arrival of the 18th Southeast Asian Games from Dec. 9 to 17. Less widely advertised is the 700th anniversary of the city's founding by King Mengrai, to be celebrated throughout 1996. Visitors will find Chiang Mai a charming.

friendly city proud of its heritage, and cooler and cleaner than its counterparts to the south. It offers a range of accommodations and cuisines and a glittering panoply of temples. Traffic can be foul-smelling and congested here, though much less so than in Bangkok, Yet Chiang Mai is well enough punctuated by water and greenery to make it an agreeable place to spend several days: It has a most and remnants of ancient walls squaring off the old city, the Ping River to the east and the green expanses of Chiang Mai University to the west. And the central core of the city — especially the old section, crisscrossed by small lanes — is small ecough to navigate on foot or bicycle.

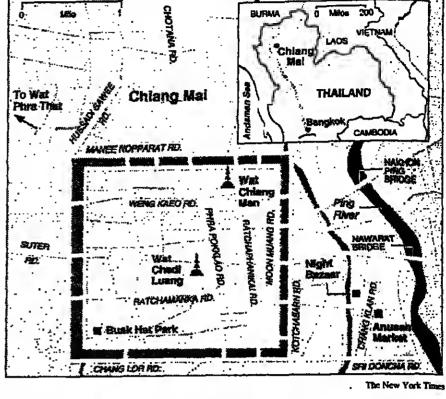
Most events at the 18th Southeast Asian Games will take place in a new 20,000-seat stadium and sports complex about three miles north of the city. Following an opening ceremony on Dec. 9 that will feature singing by 13,000 students backed by a symphony orchestra, teams from 10 countries will compete in 27 sports from archery to tae kwon do. Tickets for individual events can be bought at the stadium the day before, and up to three hours before, the event begins; \$2 to \$8. For information, contact the SEA Games Organizing Committee, 2088 Ram-khamhaeng Road, Hua Mark, Bangkok 10240; telephone (66-2) 31g-0946, fax (66-2) 319-3883.

From Dec. 29 to Jan. 7, the Winter Fair will take place at City Hall (Sala Klang) on Chotana Road on the city's north side. The culture of northern Thailand will be showcased with folk performers and crafts. Contact the Tourist Authority of Thailand, re-

gional office, 105/1 Chiang Mai-Lamphum Road, Chiang Mai, telephone 248604. (The area code for Chiang Mai is 53.)

As part of the city's 700th anniversary celebrations, Chiang Mai's annual Flower Festival will be held throughout February. Highlights will include a parade of flowerbedecked floats that skirt the old city on Feb. 3 and dance and music performances Feb. 3 and 4 in Buak Hat Park, at the old city's southwest corner. Most events are free.

Chiang Mai's population of about 171,000 supports about 300 Buddhist temples, almost as many as in Bangkok. A Lanna, culture, many visitors try a khan- for The New York Times.



3.051-foot (920-meter) mountain Doi ized mosaic snake's head - leads up to the temple, as does a small funicular train that costs 20 cents, calculated at 25 baht to the

Of the more notable temples in Chiang Mai, Wat Chedi Luang, on Phra Pokklao Road north of Ratchmanka Road, has a towering chedi dating from 1441 and 10foot-high stone elephants.

AT Chiang Man, the oldest wat (temple) in Chiang Mai, will also celebrate its 700th birthday next year, It's in a small, quiet compound on the north side of the old city. The main chapel has a stenciled woodeo ceiling and towering teak columns: the smaller chapel to the right, decorated with Jaraka paintings describing the Buddha's life, houses two venerable Buddha figurines: one, a bas-relief, is said to have come from India or Sri Lanka about 2,500 years ago; the other, known as the Crystal Buddha, only four inches high and made of quartz, is thought to be about 1,800 years

For more tastes of northern Thai, or

good overview — literally — is provided toke dinner: a selection of small dishes, by Wat Phra That, the temple atop the such as stir-fry noodles, a couple of small meat dishes and rice, caten while seated on Suthep that anchors Chiang Mai's north-west corner. A 300-step naga staircase — classical Thai dance and hill-tribe folk with a snakelike banister ending in a styl-dances. One popular venue is the Old Chiang Mai Cultural Center, 185/3 Wualai Road; telephone 275097. A \$10 ticket includes dancing from 7 to 10 nightly. For those who prefer a more casual atmo-sphere, the Galare Food Center, off Chang Klan Road, telephone 272067, opposite the night bazaar, has free traditional-dance performances every night from 9 to 10:30 in a courtyard where vendors sell Thai, Chinese and Indian food at \$1 to \$2 a dish.

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A popular half-day outing is a trip to the crafts outlets on San Kamphaeng Road east of Chiang Mai. At most outlets, visitors wind up in the showroom after a brief factory tour (about \$14). Still, it's interesting to see how silk, celadon pottery, teak furniture, brass cutlery, lacquerware, ham-mered silver and the painted fans and um-

brellas of Bo Sang village are made.

The same merchandise (often at lower prices) and much more can be found at Chiang Mai's night bazaar on Chang Klan Road. The action peaks from around 8 to 10

Martha Stevenson-Olson, who writes frequently about Southeast Asia, wrote this

# THE HOVIE GUIDE

Ace Ventura: When Nature Calis

Directed by Steve Oedekerk.

Butt ventriloquist, poopy jokemeister and loogie lofter extraordinaire, Jim Carrey pulls every gag from his comedy kit bag — and some from his nose, of course — but "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" just rolls over and expires. In his second outing,

the antic animal sleuth is plucked from the simple environs of South Florida and plunked against a canvas far too grand for the character. Summoned to Africa by the British consulate, per detective Ace must find a sacred white bat that has been stolen from the peaceful Wachati tribe. If he fails, the contentious Wachootoo tribe threatens tribal war. Never

as ever, but his hyper high jinks aren't seen as particularly odd by the rascally Wachootoo or the wacky Wachati. Carrey's targets --animal poachers, horse beaters and fur wearers - have potential, but he does little to milk it, preferring to mug the camera like a stupid comic thug. In short, Carrey's got nothing to bounce all that energy off of, not even a solid

work with is the character. whose quirks and eccentricities and love for animals endeared him to slapstick audiences. A sequel ought to reveal something more about the character, but even Carrey seems to be growing tired of the poor pet detective. Perhaps the lesson is: You don't have to answer when nature calls. Pretend you're in a crowded elevator.

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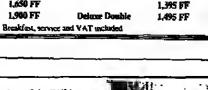
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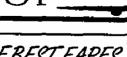
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OIGNY, France — A grand meal must be more than the sum of its parts. Rather one anticipates a fête complète: an experience that celebrates ingredients, cuisine, service, ambience. Ideally, all is woven together in perfect harmony. Courses should flow one to the other, linked by a common thread. For the diner to appreciate the experience, the food must be familiar enough to be instantly recognizable, and yet sophisticated enough to demand an army of welltrained chefs to execute it. In short, the sort of meal one travels to France for -a sort of perfection that is rare, but attainable.

Chef Jean-Michel Lorain, along with his father, Michel, offered a close to perfect gastronomic experience last week at their family restaurant — La Côte Saint-Jacques in northern Burgundy — creating a lunch for some 50 international gas tronomes, members of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

The father-and-son team - with three coveted Michelin stars since 1986 - selected the menu and wines themselves, an act that should tip the balance of success in their favor. And it did. Save for a contrastingly weak and over-the-hill cheese tray and bread that is simply ordinary, they created a nearly flawless, totally classic French

meal highlighted by modern touches. Jean-Michel Lorain has had the good fortune to apprentice himself to some of the finest kitchens in the world: his father's, that of Troisgros in Roame, Taillevent in Paris and Girardet in Switzerland. He did not waste his time, nor did his masters, for what he presents today is a thoroughly modern, classic French cuisine that displays a rare sense of equilibrium and sophistication. Flavors could hardly be more lively, of the moment. Chef Lorain has the · wisdom to allow ingredients to speak for themselves and does not dilute them with a lot of fancy footwork in the kitchen.

TRADITIONAL Côte Saint-Jacques starter is the warming mix of boudin noir, or blood sausage, paired with potato puree, and the presentation showed that such classics need never show signs of age. The pungency of the blood sausage and the fleeting airiness of the potato puree serve as perfect teasers, setting your palate up for more to come.

Terrines have long been a Côte Saint-Jacques signature, and the Lorains continued the tradition with a surprisingly successful oyster terrine, a compact creation that comes across like a fresh ocean breeze. A chef instantly wins me over when against my better judgment - I end up loving a dish that on the face of it seems gredient and it's puzzling to find it among wine.

landlocked Burgundy? Chef Jean-Michel did, by offering a refreshing collage of briny oysters teamed with a hint of sautéed shallots, a touch of hazelnut oil, a hint of reduced red wine, all wrapped in a thin veil

A dish pairing foie gras and potatoes may not sound as though it's at the cutting edge of modern French cooking, but in Lorain's hand the marriage proved miraculous: The duck liver was pan-fried to perfection, then set upon a bed of newseason potatoes that had been cooked, then crushed, married with faintly salty black olives of Provence. A blending of regions - duck from the southwest, olives and oil from Provence - proved brilliant, coun-



terpointing the earthy blandness of potatoes, the pungency of the olives, the smooth opulence of foie gras.

A dense and rich whole roasted duck —

presented and carved tableside in the best of traditions - was balanced with the fruity acidity of black and red currants. Ginger ice cream teamed up with puff pastry enveloping a smooth, caramelized pear, closing the door on an exceptional feast. Flawless service and a careful selection of wines made it all that much more "Les Clos" and 1988 Nuits Saint-Georges honoring Burgundy and the Lorain cui-

One day earlier, the Michelin three-star chef Bernard Loiseau of La Côte d'Or in La Côte d'Or as well as the region. Saulieu was assigned the same task: Create a menn and wine list that might dazzle a dining room filled with eager, sophisti-cated palates. Loiseau's hunch was far less successful. His first mistake was to begin the meal with two soups. Nothing satisfies hunger like soup. Likewise, nothing kills hunger like soup. So why sate palates? What chance do you have in winning them over on the third course?

Loiseau's first offering — a fragrant caramelized cauliflower soup — was a gentine, 21210 Saulieu, Tel: 80-64-07-66. brilliant starter, an elegant treatment of a highly versatile and undervalued veg-etable. A second liquid course — a thin lentil soup dotted with duck giblets with a francs, including service but not wine; 90poached egg floating on top — was simply franc children's menu. A la carte, 575 to weind. The dish flatters not a single in 965 francs, including service but not

contrived: How could one dare try to im- Loiseau's repertoire. (Has the chef ever sat prove on a fresh oyster in its shell? And in down at the table and sampled the dish following the cauliflower soup? If he has, I can't imagine he would have served them in succession.)

Loiseau presented his standard Burgundian preparation of sandre, or perch, on a of bright green spinach and set off by a flourish of fresh Belgian endive.

bed of shallots, all surrounded by red wine sauce. It's a comforting dish, but lacks sauce. It's a comforting dish, but lacks harmony. The intensity of the shallot fondue obliterates the delicate flavors of the fish. (On its own, the fish was perfection, with a moist and tender interior and crusty skin enhanced by sautéeing the fish in goose fat.) The red wine sauce, as ever, proved a gentle, finely acidic counterpoint to the fish.

> HE *poularde à la vapeur* — elegant Bresse poultry steamed in a large clay pot - remains one of Burgundy's most famous dishes. But it takes a stretch of the imagination to consider it the epitome of contemporary gastronomy, fare that truly flatters a three-star table. Yes, the poultry was flavored with an avalanche of truffles tucked beneath the skin, and served with basmati rice flavored with even more truffles. Yet it failed to dazzle. (Beyond the potato, French chefs do not seem to understand starch: Rice and pasta are always ill-served here. Loiseau followed suit by badly cooking a perfumed rice that could, in the best of situations, only play fisticuffs with the truffle.)

Service here remains of the highest order, and Loiseau's dining room is the model of grand country French dining. You truly feel as though you are someplace special. The Côte d'Or cheese tray — orchestrated by the Parisian cheese monger Roger Alléosse - serves as homage to the cheese makers of France, and is nearly worth a detour on its own. Breads are spectacular, satisfying, with a 1990 Chablis Grand Cru as is the dried fruit and nut tray, all balancing perfectly with the selection of cheese. Loisean's wine choices — a 1993 house Burgundy and a 1990 Chorey-lès-Beanne from Domaine Germain, honored

> La Côte Saint-Jacques, 14 Faubourg Paris, 89300 Joigny. Tel. 86-62-09-70. Open daily. Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Visa. Menus: 360 francs (about \$75) for weekday lunch only, 720,750 and 840 francs, including service but not wine; 160-franc children's menu. A la carte, 570 to 875 francs, including service but not wine.

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### BRITAIN

Barbican Centre, tel: (171) 638-8891. Nov. 17 to 19: "Behind the Mask: Purcell Tercentenary Week-end." Performances of the Indian Ouenn." (James Bourses of the Indian end. "Performances of "The Indian Queen" (James Bowman, counter-tenor), "The Fairy Queen" and "Dio-clesian." Also, four programs of mu-sic for church, chamber and ceremonial occasions to be performed at

monial occasions to be performed at St. Giles Church.
National Portrait Gallery, tel: (171) 306-0055, open daily. To Feb. 18: "Richard and Maria Cosway: Regency Artists of Taste and Fashion.". More than 200 miniatures, portraits and prints by Richard Cosway and his wifa and works from the couple'a personal collection, with paintings by Rubens and Rembrandt, Rococo furniture and sculptures. niture and sculptures.

# FINLAND

Helsinki The Finnish National Opera, tel: (0) 403-02-211. "Don Carlos." Directed by Ralf Langbacka and conducted by Eri Klas. Nov. 17, 21 and 29.

### FRANCE

Centre National de la Photogra-phie, tel: (1) 53-76-12-31, closed Tuesdays. To Jan, 1: "August Sander." Photographs taken by the German artist from 1920 to 1950 in the homes or working places of scores of peopla from all walks of

Musee d'Orsay, tel: (1) 40-49-48-14, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Jan. 21: "Manet, Gauguin, Rodin... Cheis-

d'Oeuvre Français de la Ny Carlsberg
Glyptotek de Copenhague."
Pavillon des Arts, tel: (1) 42-33-8250, closed Mondays. To Feb. 4: "Visages de l'Icône." More than 60 icand the Near East painted between the 11th and 19th centuries.

Tokyo

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### GERMANY

Staatstheater Stuttgart, tel: (711) 203-20. Kurt Weill's "Aufsteg und Fall der Stadt Mahagorny." Directed by Ruth Berghaus, conducted by Janos Kulka with Gabriel Sadé and Dagmar Peckova. Nov. 23, 25 and 29.

### GREECE

Athens Megaron, tel: 72-82-333. World pre-shorengrapher John mere of choreographer John Neumeier's "Odyssey," based on the Homeric poem. Music by George Couroupos, set designed by Yannis Kolkos. Nov. 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26.

### ISRAEL

Jerusalem

The Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. Continuing/10 Dec. 3: "Gerhard Richter: Paintings." A survey of the German painter's works.

### STALY

Venice Ghetto and other venue rel: (41) 520-5599. Nov. 19 to 23:
"Festival of Jewish Culture." In Venice's 16th-century ghetto, a wide-ranging new biennial international arts festival of drama, film, books,

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Art, tel: (3) 3445-0651, open daily. To
Jan. 21: "The Camera i." Self-por-Jan. 21: "The Camera I." Sen-por-traits by 130 Western artists with ex-hibits ranging from the mid-19th cen-tury to the 1980s, enabling the viewer to gain an understanding of the aes-thetic and philosophical issues of

### THE NETHERLANDS

photography

The Hague Net Paleis, tel; (70) 338-11-11, closed Mondays, Continuing/To Jan. 14: "Rodin." 50 sculptures, drawings, watercolors and g works by the French sculptor,

### SPAIN

Fundación Juan March, tel: (1) 435-4240, open daily. To Jan. 14." Georges Rouault." More than 50 paintings created between 1953 by the French artist.

### **SWITZERLAND**

Musée des Beaux-Arts, tel: (21) 312-8332, closed Mondays, To Feb. 4: "From London," Works by the six figurative London artists of tha postwar period: Bacon, Lucian Freud. Leon Kossoff, Michael Andrews, Auerbach and Kital.

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Fondation Pierre Giannadda, tet:
28) 22-39-78, open daily. To Jan. 21:
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Michel F. Larionov." Features peint- r. ings, drawings and graphic works by the two Russian artists. They were part of a donation to France by the r

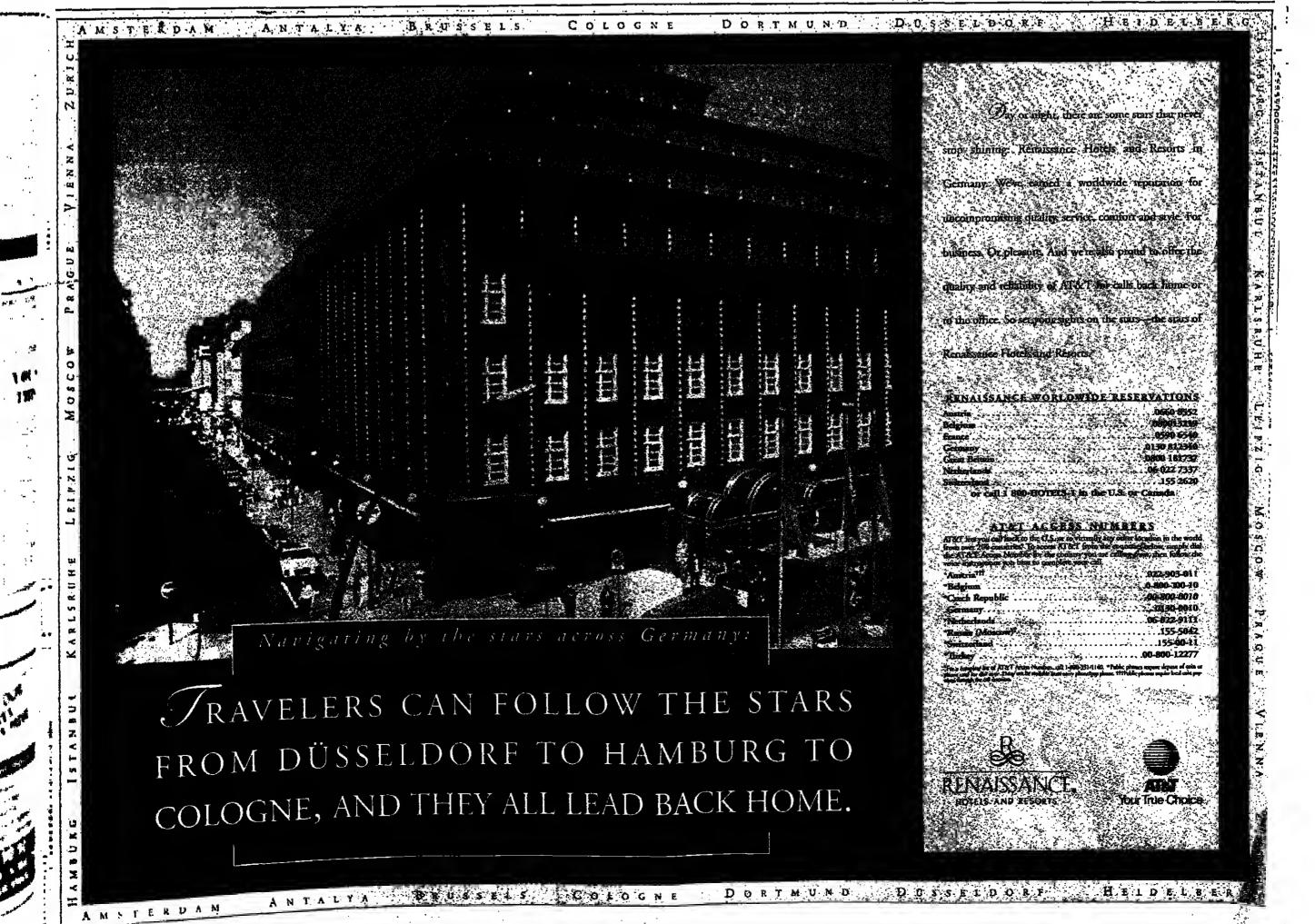
### **UNITED STATES**

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Bard Graduate Center, tel: (212) 1.
721-4245, closed Mondays.
To Feb. 25: "A.W.N. Pugin: Master of ...
Gothic Revivel." Pugin (1812-1852), s. ...
known today as the designer of the ...
Interiors of the Houses of Parliament ...
in London, also defined the paramileters of the 19th-century English ...
Gothic Revivel and exercised them in church and domestic architecture. church and domestic architecture, textiles, jewelry, metal work and ce-ramics. The exhibition features more

than 100 of Pugin's creations.

Whitney Museum of American Art, winney accessor of American Art, tel: (212) 570-3633, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Feb. 11: "Robert Frank Moving Out." A retrospective of this Swiss-born American artist who influenced photography and? filmmaking in both the United States and Europe after World War II. Pho- 2 tographs deting from 1950 to the present day as well as film and video-r tape works.

Mational Gallery of Art, tel: (202), 3 842-6684, open daily. To Feb. 11: 4 "Johannes Vermeer." Features 21 of the 35 works known to exist today. Venneer has been admired through-out the centuries for the Intimacy of his paintings, his depiction of light and shadow and his litusionism:



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The Free Market on the Rampage

New Trends Exaggerate Rough Edges of Capitalism

By Steven Pearlstein

**▼**ASHINGTON — In the old world of Corporate America, there was no prouder organization than IBM, nor a prouder group within IBM than the executive secretaries — the women at guarded the office doors and the careers of the top executives at "Big Blue." As International Business Machines

and with overtime it was not unheard of for them to make more than \$100,000 a year.

very existence, the computer maker re-cently has been forced to admit what long lines of job applicants have known for years: IBM was overpaying many of its employees. Early this spring, the company called in 120 executive secretaries and announced that their base pay would be cut to a level within 10 percent of the current 'market' rate - roughly \$50,000 -

company announced that its top five ex-ecutives would be rewarded with bonuses

totaling \$5.8 million.

The harsh logic of IBM's pay policies seems to have been confirmed by the industry. Various studies found that this marketplace. Most of the secretaries are gap was so large that it could not be still with the company, according to an explained by the higher levels of experience and education at these high-wage

than doubled in the last two years -a \$30 billion indication that top executives have put the company back on track.

IBM's story illustrates a phenomenon that economists Philip J. Cook and Robert H. Frank explore in their new book "The Winner-Take-All Society." As the forces corporate and division headquarters who of the free market have been unleashed into every aspect of the U.S. economy, they have chipped away at the rules, the norms and the institutional mechanisms that used Corp. prospered, so did they. Their base to smooth the rough edges of capitalism pay, in some instances, rose to \$70,000, and distribute the economic rewards.

As the IBM example indicates, the institution that may have done the most to But with competition threatening IBM's ensure a measure of economic equality was one few probably suspected of having such a role: the American corporation. For decades, it was common practice for

companies to subsidize one product with another, to rely on efficient departments to carry inefficient ones and to underpay some employees while overpaying others. Now, under the pressure of the com-petitive marketplace, these "inefficien-

cies" are being exposed and eliminated.
In the old economy, wages were debeginning next year.

Not all IBM employees fared as badly, however. At about the same time, the termined, at least in part, by which company you worked for. Employees at big pany you worked for. Employees at big much more than their counterparts at smaller concerns, even within the same

year reported its first annual profit since companies, the presence of unions or even 1990, while the value of its stock has more a management desire to reduce turnover by

paying slightly higher wages. Economists concluded that high-wage corporations paid their employees more because they earned higher-than-average profit margins - which economists call rents" - and because they chose to share the rents with workers.

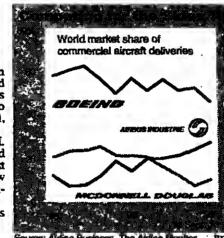
William Dickens, an economist at the Brookings Institution, estimates that 70 percent of corporate rents were shared with workers. Harvard University economists Lawrence Summers and Lawrence Katz, among others, used various data to show that these rents were spread remarkably evenly through all levels, from top ex-

ecutives to secretaries and janitors.

Starting in the early '70s, however, a succession of events disrupted these comfortable arrangements by unleashing powerful competitive forces on the markets for products and labor. These included the deregulation of the transportation, communication, energy and financial services industries; the globalization of commerce, and the advent of computer technologies that broke mass markets into specialized niches.

On Wall Street, corporate raiders began to amass fortunes by buying up com-panies, throwing out the old managers, shedding upprofitable divisions and prod-ucts, and shifting the flow of rents from employees to shareholders — a dynamic that so frightened managers and directors

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# **Boeing and McDonnell in Talks**

By Lawrence Malkin International Herold Tribune

NEW YORK - Merger talks were reported to be under way Thursday between Boeing Corp. and McDonnell Douglas Corp., raising a thicket of competitive is-sues that would roil the airline, defense and aerospace industries worldwide.

They could help ground any deal to combine America's two remaining commercial airplane makers into the world's titrust law largest acrospace company, with combined annual sales of \$35 billion — and combined capitalization of the same amount.

It would control 100 percent of main U.S. commercial airframe production and inherit about three-quarters of the world's commercial aviation market, turning it into a duopoly with only one serious rival, Airbus Industrie of Europe. "If they smike a deal," said Donald I.

Baker, a Washington lawyer who has served as the U.S. government's chief antitrust counsel, "this will be the acid test of how we weight global competition in our an-

American law traditionally encourages

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# **Pacific Forum Smooths Way** For a Trade Pact

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

OSAKA, Japan — Asia-Pacific nations have smoothed over several divisive disputes and reached broad agreement fastest-growing region to free trade, officials said Thursday.

But they acknowledged the accord would be tested over the next year as the 18 members of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, took steps to cut import barriers. In addition, they said inter-pretation of the pact in at least

one key area, agriculture, was open to debate. The text of the sented to a meeting of the group's leaders in Osaka on Sunday for final approval, was not released. Until the last moment, Japan,

China, Taiwan and South Korea sought special treatment or activity, the region's aggregate exclusion of agriculture a move strongly opposed by the United States, Australia and most other APEC members.

Those countries feared it would unravel the whole freetrade deal as other countries also sought exemptions for politically sensitive sectors of their economies.

Japanese officials said the greement reached by APEC foreign and trade ministers Thursday incorporated the principle of comprehensive coverfor sensitive sectors— while allowing individual countries "flexibility" in achieving the open-market objectives set by

The draft agenda aims to realize the aim of achieving free rade no later than 2020. While the draft was not made

public, Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said it was a detailed and impressive blueprint that amounted to an-

other major step by APEC to-ward its free trade objective. He said the agenda reiterated last year's agreement by APEC leaders to achieve free and open trade in the region by 2010 for developed countries and 2020 on ways to open up the world's for developing members. fastest-growing region to free Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister, said it was

> Banks will reschedule some Russian debt. Page 15.

'absolutely crucial' not to bave "any direct language excluding agriculture, or any in-direct language which would lend itself to that interpreta-

An Australian government study shows that if APEC implements its plan to liberalize trade, investment and business income will increase by 3.8 per-cent, or \$745 billion. If agriculture is excluded,

bowever, the benefits of lib-eralization will be reduced by \$106 billion, it says. China and Taiwan officials made it clear the wording of the clause on farm-trade liberaliza-

tion was flexible enough to al-

low differing interpretations.

There might be a difference in interpretation, but as far as the Thursday incorporated the prin-ciple of comprehensive cover-age — meaning no exemptions na's assistant minister of foreign trade and economic cooperation. The agreement also papered over a dispute between the United States and China on whether APEC members should accord most-favored-

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nation trading status to each other under the free trade plan. The United States conducts an annual review of China's trade status, a process that subjects Beijing to pressure on trade and other issues.

### **WALL STREET WATCH**

# Will Politics Kill the Rally?

By Brett D. Fromson

NEW YORK - Wall Street is beginning to worry that budget gridlock in Washington could send stock prices sharply lower and lead to higher interest rates and a weaker dollar.

Executives, traders and analysts said they were increasingly concerned that President Bill Clinton and Republican congressional leaders might agree to disagree on the budget rather than reach a compromise that would achieve deficit reduction, welfare reform and a cut in the capital gains tax.

"Just talking about impasse is like lighting a match near the gas pumps," the chief executive of one of the largest U.S. brokerage concerns said. "It may not set off an explosion, but it is not a good idea."

The rising concern on Wall Street comes as the stock market has been reaching record highs. Traders and analysts said they did not expect the budget dispute to rattle the markets in the next few days, but they said a reaction could come after Mr. Clinton vetoed the congressional reconciliation bill, which would probably happen next week.

We still think the chances of getting a deal are 60 percent, but that means there is a 40 percent chance we do not," said Thomas D. Gallagher, a political analyst at Lehman Broth-

"Impasse risk is not priced into the markets," said David Hale, an economist at Kemper Financial Services Inc.

Mr. Hale said many investors bought stocks and bonds this year partly because they expected budgetary reforms and a cut in the theo people in the markets will get jumpy."

capital gains tax. If Washington doesn't come through, those investors might decide to sell or

Wall Street has complained for years that large budget deficits lead to slower long-term economic growth and a higher inflation rate and argued that lower capital gains tax rates

would strengthen the economy. James Capra of Capra Asset Management Inc. called an impasse his "biggest near-term concern." He added: "I was 90 percent sure last week that we would get a permanent budget reconciliation bill. Now I am 80 percent

If a budget compromise does not appear likely and officials continue to fund the goverament with temporary measures like those announced by Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin this week, a steep decline in the markets is likely, some investment managers said.

Mr. Rubin pulled \$61.3 billion from two federal retirement accounts to save the U.S. government from the first default in its history. He said the action would keep the government

running "through the end of December."

Merrill Lynch & Co.'s top market strategist. Charles I. Clough Jr., said that if the impasse continued, he would be more concerned about stocks than about bonds, "because we may already have seen peak corporate earnings."

But Mr. Capra — who is a former con-gressional staff aide — said: "I bave seen a lot of budget debates, and even in the successful ones there is always a moment when things look bleak. That will be a nervous moment in the markets. If, after Clinton vetoes the reconciliation bill, the two sides don't start talking.

# Rate Cuts Give Boost To France

By Max Berley Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The Bank of France lowered two key interest rates Thursday, casting a vote of confidence in Prime Minister Alain Juppé's welfare reform plan, which was unveiled

Wednesday. The central bank cut the in-tervention rate, which is regarded as its most important moneysupply-regulating instrument, by 20 basis points, to 4.80 per-cent. It was the first reduction in

the rate since July 1994. The bank also reduced its five- to 10-day securities repurchase agreement rate by 25 basis points, to 6.10 percent.

"The cut in interest rates was very welcome," said Julian lessop, international economist at HSBC Markets in London.

The central bank's move followed the presentation of a social-security reform plan by Mr. Juppé on Wednesday that was well received by financial mar-The plan includes new taxes

but aims to sharply reduce gov-erament spending. The hope is that France will be able to meet

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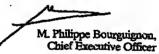
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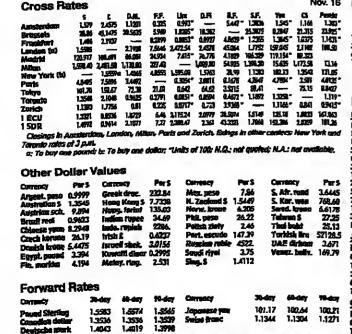
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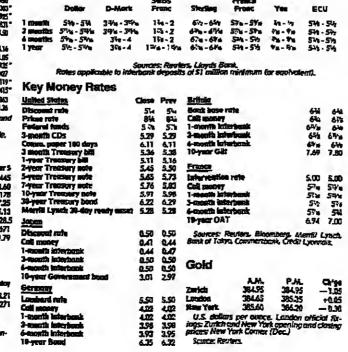
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### **Very briefly:**

### Michelin to Expand in South Carolina PARIS (Bloomberg) - Michelio SA, the world's biggest tire

maker, said Thursday it planned to invest at least \$500 million to expand operations in South Carolina over the next five years,

The planned expansion will be at Michelin plants in Greenville, Spartanburg, Lexington and Anderson counties in South Carolina, Michelio, whose North American operations are based in Greeoville, has been in South Carolina since 1975 and has invested \$1.6 billion there.

• Delta Air Lines Inc. posted a \$77 million third-quarter operating profit for its trans-Atlantic operations, marking the strongest quarter ever for the carrier's service across the North Atlande. The profit was almost triple the \$27 million posted for the third quarter of 1994.

Storage Technology Corp. announced a restructuring plan aimed at cutting 1,500 jobs in 1996 and saving more than \$100

 Time Warner Inc. will merge its film and music operations and said Michael Fuchs, chairman of Home Box Office and Warner Music Group, was leaving the company. Robert Daly and Terry Semel, who jointly run the Warner Bros, film studio, will head the merged entertainment operations.

 K-III Communications agreed to buy 14 magazines from the British-Dutch publisher Reed Elsevier PLC for \$180 million. according to a source. The magazines include Power & Mo-(AP, Bloomberg) torvacht, American Baby and Sail.

# AT&T Buyout Plan Chills Workers

By Judith H. Dobrzynski New York Times Service

NEW YORK --- AT&T Corp.'s announcement that it was offering 77,800 managers — half its supervisory work force - financial incentives to leave the company by Jan. 13 is sending sbivers of insecurity through the company's vast managerial ranks.

For the rest of America's layoff-weary managers and workers, meanwhile, it is one more sign that years of corporate cutbacks are far from over.

The buyout offer Wednesday came as AT&T braced for intensified competition in its main long-distance telephone business and less than two months after the company said it would break itself up into three parts. Early next year, AT&T plans public stock forming, one in telecommunications equip- ranks. ment and the other in computers.

Relatively few — perhaps fewer than 10 sight, "said James Champy, head of CSC percent — of the eligible managers are Index, a consulting firm. "Other compaexpected to take AT&T's offer.

years, and now they're making an offer to ducing their management ranks." half of their managers," said Peter Capelli, a Human Resources, "This reduction is phe-

AT&T's action appears to be the harbinger of a wave of cutbacks that will be shrunk to 302,000 from 373,000. coursing though middle-management work-force reductions aimed at improving the bottom line.

Now they have two more goals: trading some current employees for new ones in an attempt to upgrade a corporation's skills and trimming away layers of middle manage offerings for the two new companies it is ment as decision-making moves down the

"This move shows incredible fore- ucation and moving costs.

nies may not be as bold, but eventually "AT&T has been cutting back for 10 other companies will follow suit in re-

Since the company weot through its first management professor at the Wharton breakup in 1984, moving from being a School and co-director of its Center for regulated monopoly to a competitor in the fast-moving telecommunications business. its revenue has grown from \$60 billion to \$75 billion. Its work force, meanwhile, has

The payments offered to managers to ranks as companies go beyond the sheer entice them to leave range from five to 35 weeks' salary plus 20 percent of that amount and an additional eight weeks of salary. For example, a manager with 26 years at the company said he would receive a payment equal to 30 weeks' pay, plus the ipplement.

Those departing also will be reimbursed as moch as \$10,000 for retraining. ed-

# MERGER: Aircraft Giants Talk

companies, but the hottest tupic club to help keep down prices. in antitrust law now is whether and the chimination of such pothese restrictions have been tential compension may be one overtaken by international competition. This debate would turn sought a merger. a full merger into a textbook case, said Ardath Hamann, a professor of antitrust law at Marshall College of Law in

Boeing has previously been rebuffed by McDonnell Douglas, which claims about 16 percent of the world market and recently has revived with a \$1 billion order from Valulet Airlines that set production in motion for its midsized 100-seat terest rates by the end of the MD-95 airliner and lifted its

stock price. McDonnell Douglas, which earns 60 percent of its \$13.2 billion annual revenue from military aircraft, has been trying to shift its focus as defense speoding declines. For Boeing. defense represents only 21 percent of its business and is kept separate from its commercial jet production, the world's largest and most successful.

Neither company comment on the talks.

William Whitlow of Pacific Crest Securioes in Boeing's base of Seattle said that to avoid an antitrust case, the two companies might merely rationalize their businesses by swapping and consolidating their military divisions, a trend encouraged by the Pentagon.

For example, Boeing might to 59, add McDonnell Douglas's helicopter and space launch divisions to its own, while the St. Louis company could pick up Boeing's space station. This would be bad news for competitors in Europe. In France, a spokesman for Matra said more mergers in Europe were needed

to counter U.S. concentration. But if the merger included commercial aircraft, the repercussions - and objections -

could ripple around the world. worldwide duopoly might not be much help to the world's airlines, which have been able to drive down prices because of overcapacity in the alrirame industry. Although few airlines

Continued from Page 13 order from McDonnell Douglas, its mere existence has competition among domestic served them as a negotiating reason why Bocing has long

Boeing and McDonnell Douglas shares gained on reports of the talks. Boeing rose 1%, to 75%, and McDonnell Douglas climbed 41%, to 90%.

### Dow Sets Record High

U.S. stocks set a record high on Thursday for a second day as rate-sensitive financial issues rallied on optimism the Federal Reserve Board would lower inyear, news agencies reported from New Yurk.

The Dow Jones industrial avcrage rose 46.61 points, to

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 15-to-8 ratio on the New York Stock Ex-

Bonds prices surged nearly a point, to 108 25/32, for a yield of 6,22 percent, down from 6,29 percent on Wednesday, amid growing optimism about a balanced budget.

The prospect of lower rates mised shares of banks, whose profits swell when borrowing

Among the financial issues that gained, Citicorp's stock added 134, to 6714; BankAmerica shares rose 1 1/8, to 601/2; and Merrill Lynch jumped 214,

Microsoft dropped 4, to 90, after Goldman Sachs took the company off its list of stocks it expects to "significantly outperform" the overall market.

Intel declined 144, to 631/2, But other technology issues gained. Sun Microsystems gained 3¼, to 88¼, and Cisco rose 2 1/8, to 82.

Investors continued to snatch up shares of companies that make consumer products, such as drugs and soft drinks, ex-But airline analysts said a peeting they will post the most stable earnings growth this quarter.

Philip Morris climbed 1 1/8 to a record 9014, and Procter & Gamble gained 1, to 87%. (Bloomherg, AP).

# CBS Holders Approve Westinghouse Bid

NEW YORK — CBS Inc. shareholders on Thursday approved Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s \$5.4 billion takeover bid, a sale \$1.25, while Westinghouse shares were this month or next. that would create the largest U.S. broad-

Westingbouse, based in Pittsburgh, will television and radio stations in an acqui-stations, more than either General Electric sition that must still be approved by the

Federal Communications Commission. 'The merger makes tremendous eco- billion in cash and stock. nomic sense," said Laurence Tisch, the CBS chairman and chief executive. whose earnings have slumped this year

year in ratings, we do have in place the best and nuclear-energy units, would make team in Hollywood." Shares in CBS were up 25 cents, at

up 25 cents, to \$15.75. If the proposed sale is approved as it oow stands by the FCC. Wesonghouse would

pay \$81 a share for the network and its own 15 television stations and 39 radio Co.'s NBC unit or Capital Cides/ABC Inc., which Walt Disney Co. is buying for \$19

The acquisition by Westinghouse, While CBS is not enjoying the greatest amid a downturn in its power-generation 33 percent of American households.

Current FCC rules prohibit any company from owning more than 12 television

broadcasting its largest business.

The FCC could approve the CBS sale

Westinghouse has requested 18-month

waivers of rules that limit the number of

stations a company can own, pending ap-

proval of a bill in Congress that would relax

the restrictions.

stations or stadoos that reach more than 25 percent of U.S. households. Westinghouse-CBS television stations would reach

# FRANC: Rate Cuts Lend Credibility to French Welfare-Reform Plans

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its commitment to achieve a budget deficit of less than 3 percent of gross domesoc product by 1998 to qualify for participation the single European currency.

With its higher taxes, the plan bas also raised concerns that it could damp consumer spending and stifle growth.

They have to offset the tax increases by reducing rates." Mr. Jessop said. Economists and analysts expect the cen-

tral bank to continue lowering rates in the coming weeks and mooths. After the rate cuts, the franc rose a against the Deutsche mark,

Wednesday.

But the stock market showed stronger approval for the rate reductions. The CACindex rose 1.6 percent, to finish at

the benefit of the doubt, and I think the Bank New York. of France should as well," Mr. Jessop said. A foreign exchange dealer at Société Générale said, "The intervention rate still has some room to come down, particularly

when compared with German rates." Meanwhile, the Bundesbank left unchanged its discount rate at 3.50 percent and from \$1.5605.

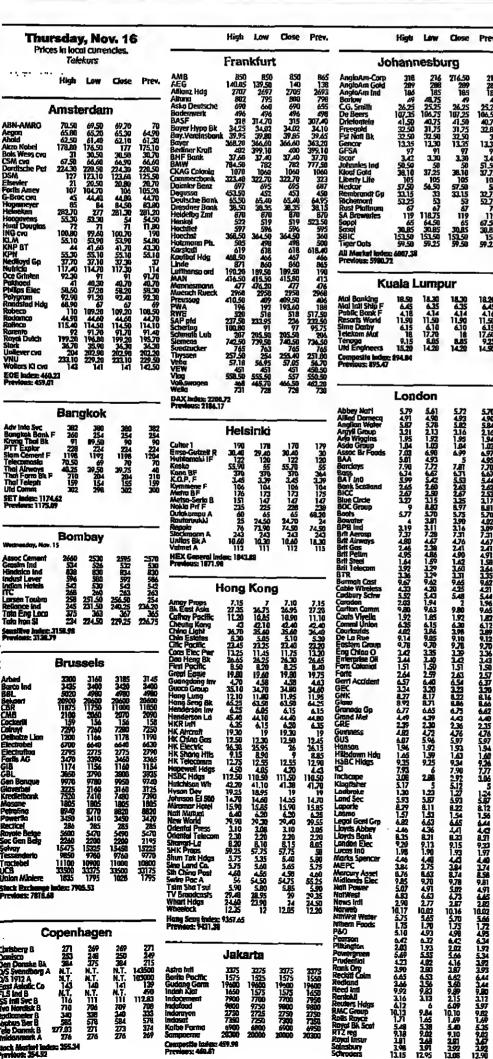
The mark finished at 3.4492 francs in its Lombard rate of 5.50 percent after cutting Paris, down from 3.4586 francs on its repurchase rate two basis points to 3.98 percent Wednesday.

■ Bond Rally Helps the Dollar The dollar was slightly higher, support-

ed by gains on the government bond mar-"The markets are clearly giving France ket, Agence France-Presse reported from

The dollar was at 102,13 yea, up from 101.52 yen, but it fell to 1.4065 Deutsche marks from 1.4079 DM.. The dollar rose to 4.8555 French francs from 4.8550 francs but slipped to 1.1383 Swiss francs from 1.1385 francs. The pound was at \$1,5559, down

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### **EUROPE**

# **EU Says 20 Chemical Firms Are Suspected of Collusion**

BRUSSELS — The European Commission

said Thursday it was investigating 20 chemical companies on suspicion of operating an illegal price-fixing cartel for plastics products.

The European Union's executive body said it had decided to investigate after raiding corporate offices Tuesday in Germany, France, Italy, Aus-tria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, the Netherlands

The companies under scrutiny include some of Europe's largest chemical makers. BASF AG, Hoechst AG, Petrofina SA, DSM NV and Montel. a joint venture of Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Montedison SpA of Italy, all confirmed they had been visited by commission officials.

The commission, which is responsible for competition policy in the 15-nation EU, can fine companies as much as 10 percent of their annual European sales if they are found guilty of being part of a cartel.

A commission official said the investigation had been prompted by complaints from users of polyethylene and polypropylene products. He said the investigation could take months to complete. "I do not know whether it's price-fixing; I do not know whether it's quantity-fixing," the of-

He would not say whether the raids were linked to fines imposed in 1989 by the commission on a group of chemical companies it said were part of a

cartel that fixed prices for polypropylene.

The European Court of First Instance over-

turned the fines in April, saying the commission had not followed legal procedures for notifying

the companies of its decisions. Hoechst, BASF, Montedison and Shell In-ternational Chemical Co. were among the companies involved in that case. Others involved then but apparently not under investigation now

include Dow Chemical Co. and Imperial Chemical Industries PLC. The chemical companies said they were not

concerned by the current investigation. "We don't think there are any reasons for suspicions against BASF," said Bernd Gerling,

spokesman for the company. "The commission thinks they have reason to look into these companies, but from our point of

view, their reasons are groundless. The companies said the raids had been unexpected and said the EU officials had not made

clear what the inquiry would focus on.
"They just walked in and said, "We are the EC," "said Greg Larson, a Montel spokesman.
Karel Van Miert, the EU's competition commissioner, has taken an increasingly hard line on

illegal cartels, pushing up the fines for com-panies found to be operating price-fixing or quota-fixing arrangements that damage the EU's ternal market.

Last year, the commission fined the steel carton-board and cement industries a total of 484 million European currency units (\$646 million) (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

# **BCCI Payouts** Clear a Hurdle

Agence France-Presse
LUXEMBOURG Four former employees of the bankrupt bank BCCI have formally abandoned appeals against a compensation order, opening the way for \$1.8 billion to be

paid to depositors, a liq-

uidator said Thursday.

About 250,000 creditors throughout the world have been waiting for four years to be compensated for the collapse of Bank of Credit & Commerce International. BCCI was found by investigators to have been managed fraudulently for years before it collapsed in

All parties involved in the case accepted the withdrawal of the appeal Thursday, the liquidator said.

The employees had said last week they would drop

# French TV to Fight Foreign Programming

PARIS — The private tele-vision broadcaster TF1 and state-owned France Television said Thursday they would work together to set up a French-lancounter what they viewed as a flood of American culture.

\*The French audiovisual industry should not have to suffer from the arrival of all those foreign networks that become possible with the arrival of digital television," Jean-Pierre Elkabbach, head of France Televi-sion, said. 'French programs should oot just become an addon to a foreign service."

Mr. Elkabbach and the chairman of TFI, Patrick Le Lay, said they were setting up a joint company to define programs, select a decoding system and

plan a marketing strategy. The private broadcaster that is

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controlled by the building conglomerate Bouygues SA and the owner of the public France 2 and France 3 channels said they would use the satellites of the

C&W Profit Rises

Cahle & Wireless PLC re-ported a 44 percent gain in pre-tax profit for the half-year ended Sept. 30, Bloomberg Business News reported from Londoo.

Profit rose to £815 million (\$1.27 billion), including a gain from the company's stake in Mannesmann Mobilfunk GmbH of Germany. Excluding the gain, profit was £616 million. Sales rose 6 percent, to £2.71

Separately, the executive chairman of the company, Lord Young, said he would step down in February 1997. A successor was not named.

# Change of Guard Puts Lloyd's in Greater Turmoil

Walker Action Group, a

won a judgment against their

Mr. Deeny said he was con-

"It's a crucial stage for the

reconstruction program."

The investor, who asked

not to be identified, said Mr.

Middleton's departure was a

blow, coming just after the resignation in September of

Rosalind Gilmore, director of

With unlimited liability

for their involvement in

Lloyd's, some names had to

exhaust their assets paying

out on a spate of disasters, including hurricanes and the Exxon Valdez oil-tanker

crash, that hit the market in

the late 1980s. Others were

brought low by massive as-bestos and pollution claims from the United States.

around 5,000 will remain

Once freed of obligations to Lloyd's, many more names are expected to resign. Market estimates suggest

As an outsider, Mr. Mid-

dleton sometimes had a

stormy relationship with old

Lloyd's hands steeped in the traditions of the 300-year-old

insurance market. He was said to be too sympathetic toward investors who had lost money

and was criticized for not un-

derstanding intricacies of the

Mr. Middleton will join the

financial services concern Sa-

lomon Brothers as chief ex-

ecutive of European opera-

tions and head of its European

management committee.

Mr. Middleton spent five

years in a monastery as a

young man before deciding

against becoming a monk. He

went on to join the British

(Reuters, NYT)

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Lloyd's "name."

The timing of

LONDON — The trou- Lloyd's investor group that insurance market Lloyd's of London, the Lloyd's agents about a year biggest in the world, was ago. "I think it has to cause biggest in the world, was thrown into fresh turmoil after Peter Middleton, its chief executive, resigned at a cru-cial stage of talks over a re-

construction program. The program, valued at £6 billion (\$9.36 billion), includes an operation intended to free outside investors, known as "names," of past liabilities in return for a one-

time payment.
Mr. Middleton's departure from Lloyd's was a shock within the organization, where he had given no in-dication that he would leave before his contract ended two

Although its financial sit-uation at Lloyd's has stabi-lized because of rising insurance rates and better profits in recent years, Lloyd's remains in a legal morass with its investors over how to spread the pain of several earlier years of massive losses. Mr. Middleton, 55, will be

succeeded by Ron Sandler, who was appointed only six months ago and was brought to Lloyd's in 1992 to try to turn its fortunes around. Mr. Sandler, 43, is a former management consultant who turned around two British financial firms before joining

Lloyd's.

The mimber of active names at Lloyd's has fallen by more than half from the peak in the late 1980s of 33,000, as many said they had been ruined by the market's record losses of more than £8 billion over a period

of years.
Mr. Middleton's departure
was greeted with dismay by representatives of outside investors, some of whom had been scheduled to meet him Friday for further negotiations on the rescue plan.

"It is a real loss to Lloyd's," said Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda

# Russia Sets Debt Pact With Banks

FRANKFURT -- Russia and its commercial bank creditors agreed on terms for a rescheduling of some of Russia's commercial bank debt, according to a statement released Thursday after talks between the two sides.

The agreement, reached after four years of negotiations over Russia's debt, followed talks in Frankfort attended by Russia's deputy prime minister, Oleg Davydov, the country's chief

The statement said the agree-ment applied to about \$25.5 billion of principal and about \$7 billion of interest.

Russia would pay \$1.5 billion of interest arrears by the end of 1996, the statement added.

Before the meeting, analysts said Russia was likely to gain favorable terms for the repayment of its debt, as banks were eager to strike an agreement before Russian parliamentary elections next month.

The balance of the interest arrears will be exchanged for floating-rate notes of 20 years' maturity with a grace period of seven years. The transaction is to be concluded by mid-1996.

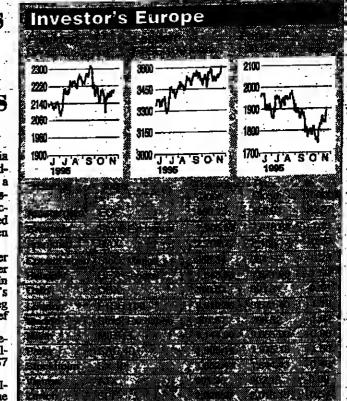
### Bremer Vulkan To Post '95 Loss

BREMEN, Germany — Bre-

mer Vulkan Verbund AG said Thursday it would have a "sig-nificant" loss in 1995 because of a 200 million Deutsche mark (\$142 million) deficit expected at its machine tool unit.

The machine and shipbuilding company agreed to absorb 170 million DM of the loss at its Doerries Scharmann AG unit.

The company provided no ex-planation for the loss but said only that its decision regarding Doerries Scharmann would be the main reason for "a considerable deterioration" in results. Chief Executive Friedrich Hennemann, who had been running the company on a caretaker basis since his resignation in September, stepped down immediately.



• Thyssen AG said strong performance in its steel unit led to a surge in annual net profit, to 775 million Deutsche marks (\$553 million) in the year ended Sept. 30 from 90 million DM a year earlier. Sales rose 12 percent, to 39.1 billion DM.

 Britain's annual inflation rate dropped to 3.2 percent in October from 3.9 percent in September, and analysts said this increased the likelihood that the government would approve a cut in U.K. interest rates soon.

News International PLC will close its Today tabloid newspaper in Britain on Friday because of rapidly rising costs and

 Telegraph PLC said soaring paper costs and a newspaper price is war had dragged down nine-month pretax profit by 24 percent, to £25.6 million (\$39.9 million). The company said it might raise the price of its Daily Telegraph newspaper if News International raised the price of The Times.

 The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Devel-opment will invite the Czech Republic this month to become the first former Communist country to join the group.

 United Biscuits PLC sold the U.S. frozen-foods business of its Keebler unit for \$86 million to Windsor Food Co.

 Russia's prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, announced to editors a raft of tax breaks and other financial benefits to help the Russian media,

 Computer 2000 AG, Europe's largest personal-computer distribution and services concern, said its preliminary figures for sales in the year ended Sept. 30 showed a rise of 29 percent from a year earlier, to 4.97 billion DM.

Neste Oy said its public share offering, which combined a new share issue and the sale of state-owned shares designed to raise 1.04 billion markka (\$247.9 million), had lowered the Finnish state's stake in the company to 83.6 percent from 97 percent.

 Total SA's chairman, Thierry Desmarest, said he wanted to raise his group's profitability to 10 percent of shareholder funds by. 1998, from about 8 percent now. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX 17 March 5 4

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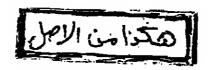
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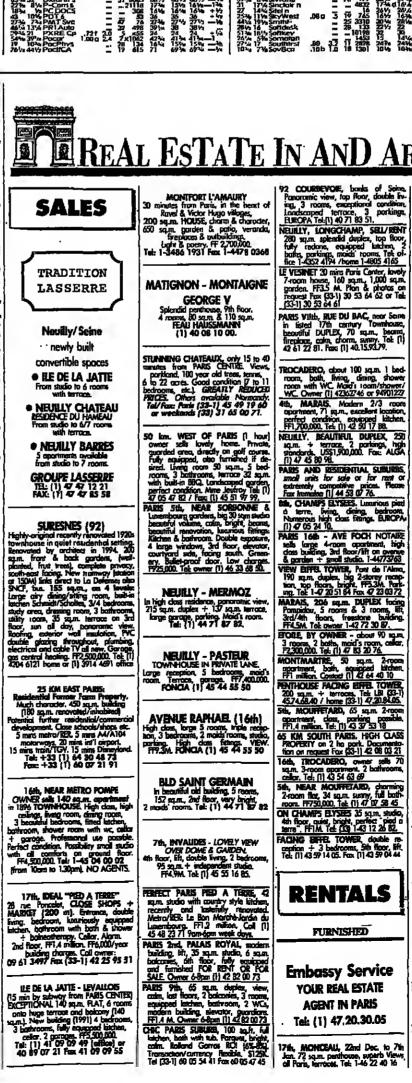
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# **Powercor Is Sold** To U.S. Company

MELBOURNE - Pacifi-Corp. a U.S. utility serving the Western states, said Thursday it would buy Powercor Ltd. from the government of Australia's ine government of Australia sale for \$1.6 billioo. The purchase is the first step

in turning the Oregon-based utility into a global energy com-bany, PacifiCorp said. The Powercor acquisition

provides an excellent platform for PacifiCorp to explore other poportunities in Australia and sewhere in Southeast Asia, ' said Fred Buckman, president and chief executive officer of PacifiCorp.

Powercor currently markets hower produced by state-pwned generation facilities. Mr. Buckman said PacifiCorp remained in the hunt for one of the separate power-generation companies due to be privatized in 1996. PacifiCorp bid for two other utilines in Victoria this year and lost, he said.

Powercor serves 537,000 cusomers in the western half of Victoria, including the suburbs of Melbourne. Its service area esembles those areas already erved by PacifiCorp encomassing urban areas, smaller owns and large expanses of

PacifiCorp said is expected to buy equity in as many as 12 complete the purchase by early Australian thermal coal mines. omplete the purchase by early December. Mr. Buckman said PacifiCorp would finance the equisition through borrowing, that Taiwan's power industry ts own funds and perhaps an would double its purchases of offering of new shares in the Australian coal by 2002.

Another U.S. power company, Entergy Corp., said Thursday that the Victoria government had selected its bid of about 1.6 billion Australian dollars (\$1.18 billion) for Citipower. That would complete the sale

of Victoria's five electricity distributors in just three and a half months. All have been bought by U.S. utilities or investor groups including U.S. utilities. Victoria is Australia's sec-

ond most populous state and is the first to sell its power operations. Sales so far have raised 6.9 billion dollars.

PacifiCorp said it planned to offer shares in Powercor 10 the poblic within the next few

PacifiCorp has been one of the most aggressive utilities in the United States in terms of selling power to big wholesale customers outside its traditional territory. Analysts said the company would be among the most prosperous if laws were changed to let utilities sell power to households outside their service areas. (Bloomberg, AP)

■ Taiwan to Buy Coal Taiwan Power Co. is plan-

ning to invest as much as 720 million Australian dollars to Reuters reported from Taipei The company also predicted

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# Stock Issuers Hibernate

# Weak Asian Markets Give Firms Pause

HONG KONG - Companies throughout Asia are being forced to scale back plans to raise money by selling shares as stock markets in the region tumble amid investor concern that Asia's boom is losing strength.

In the most striking example of the trend, PT Telekommunikasi Indonesia cut back its initial public offering this week by 36 percent because of weak investor demand. The company, which had hoped to raise \$2.5 billion. settled for only \$1.59 billion.

In the Philippines, Taiwan, India, Hong Kong, China and elsewhere, Asian companies have postponed or canceled sales of shares or gone ahead with disappointing ones.

Asia's slumping stock markets are the cul-prits in most cases. Many are at their lowest points in months as investors, concerned about rising inflation and declining profits, are putting their money elsewhere.

The United States, where stocks are at record highs, is attracting much of the money that is fleeing Asian markets. 'At this moment for fund managers, the

emerging markets are marginal money," said Paul D. Ngo, an analysi at Baring Securities. Mark Mobius, president of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, said most markets in South-

east Asia were overvalued. The sale of shares in PT Telkom, Indonesia's state-owned phone company, was the largest stock sale in Indonesian history and a cornerstone of the government's plan to increase private share ownership and competitiveness

in the economy. But the sale was plagued by bad timiog, with Indonesia's stock market at its lowest point in six months. Jakarta's Composite Index slipped 0.20 percent Thursday, to 459.89 points. Investors say they are worried that Indonesia's growing trade deficit may result in a sudden cem that interest rates will rise an Mexico-style currency devaluation and a melt-peso and corporate profits will fall.

down in share prices.

In China, where shares in Chinese companies traded in Hong Kong, or H shares, are at record lows, some sales have been postponed. Others have gone ahead and fallen short of the company's goals. The benchmark HSCE China Enterprise Index, which tracks the H shares of 17 state companies, fell 6.3 percent Thursday to the lowest point in its three-year history-

On Wednesday, Jingwei Textile Machinery postponed a sale of new shares because of poor market conditions. Dongfeng Motors Corp., a Chinese state-owned truck maker, also has delayed a sale of shares in Hong Kong.

Financial advisers say this week's sale of H shares by China's Guangdong Fotao Group, which makes ceramic products, has not been well received and may also be postpooed.

They have alarming amounts of debt, their market in China doesn't look promising, and the whole H-sbare market isn't doing too well anyway." said Irene Chao, with Citibank Global Asset Management.

Investors in Chinese shares are worried that the government's continuing efforts to control inflation will push corporate profits down and widen losses. The government recently eliminated interest-rate subsidies and is expected to eliminate tax-rate subsidies.

In Taiwan, where uncertainty over presidential elections next month and tensions with China are added to economic coocerns, at least three companies have postponed inter-

national sales of shares. The three companies, United Microelectronics Corp., Far Eastern Textile Ltd., and ageo Corp., had hoped to raise \$500 million. \$150 million and \$80 million, respectively.

through global stock issues. In the Philippines, inflation that reached 11 percent annually in October has triggered concem that interest rates will rise and that the

# **Profit Falls** For Japan's Builders

TOKYO — Four of Japan's

top building contractors said Thursday that profit fell in the first half as Japanese corporations continued to put off major projects and housing starts fell.

All said they were bracing for lower earnings for the year as well, because government ecocomic stimulus measures were having little impact and demand from the private sector was still sluggisb.

"While there is some sign of better demand in the private sector, unless there is a recovery in office and factory construction, it is hard to see our operating environment improving," said Masatoshi Inoue an executive vice president at Obayashi Corp.

Obayashi's pretax profit plunged to 10.71 billion yen (\$105 million) in the six months to Sept. 30 from 27.9 billion yen a year earlier. Sales fell 32 percent, to 500.62 billion yen, but orders rose nearly 19 percent, to 677.9 billion yen.

Shimizu Corp., the top eral contractor, said its halfyear pretax profit dropped near-ly 70 percent, to 11.81 billion yen, as sales fell 22 percent, to 688.39 billion yen.

Kajima Corp.'s pretax profit fell 70 percent, to 9 billion yen, as sales plunged 34 percent, to 556 billion yen.

The figures were less bleak at Taisei Corp., where pretax profit fell 10 percent, to 13.6 billion yen, and sales tell 5 per-cent, to 644,72 billion yen.

Orders for the top 50 construction companies rose 4.8 perceot in the first half from a year earlier, according to Mark Brown, an analyst at Barciays

(AFP, Bloomberg)



### Very briefly:

· Volkswagen AG postponed plans to build a vehicle assembly plant in Vietnam, citing the minuscule demand for passenger cars in the country.

Sony Corp. of America formed a strategic alliance with Visa USA to create a global information and entertainment center on

the Internet's World Wide Web. Reliance Industries Ltd. shares were suspended from trading for three days after the Bombay Stock Exchange accused the textile and petrochemicals conglomerate of negligence over the

issue of duplicate shares. Apple Computer Inc. said it would permit UMAX Data Systems, a maker of computer equipment that is based in Taiwan. to make clones of Apple's Maciniosh computers in Asia and later

in the United States. John Fairfax Holdings Ltd.'s net profit in its first quarter, which ended Sept. 30 slumped 21 percent, to 33.7 million Australian dollars (\$24.8 million). The publishing concern said the drop was due mainly to higher newsprint prices and slower growth in advertising sales,

 Casio Computer Co. said parent-company pretax profit in the six months through September fell 32 percent from a year earlier. to 3.12 billion yen (\$30.8 billion), as sales slumped 46 percent, to 159.02 billion yen, AF, AFP, Bloomberg, NYT

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Project Delays Dog Hopewell Holdings Shares **Albomberg Ausiness News** 

HONG KONG - Shares in Hopewell Holdings Ltd. fell Thurs-

day amid concern about delays at a power plant being built by its subsidiary, Consolidated Electric Power Asia Ltd.

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cents), down 0.375, also has been hit by concerns that unexpected

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# **COMPETE:** Rough Edges of Capitalism Stick Out

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of other companies that they nished to restructure lest they to outside suppliers. too fell victim to a hostile takeover.

At the heart of this restructuring process has been a procrice known as 'outsourcing.'

For most of the industrial era, American managers operated under the assumption that it was more efficient and reliable to ical benefits as the company perform most of the functions vice president," said the involved in their business with- economist Lester Thurow. in their own company.

Steelmakers dug much of their own iron ore and coal, automakers produced many of shows, utility companies produced most of their own power, and marketing.

such fast-food companies grew

Viewed from one angle, outtheir own potatoes. "Vertical integration," it was called.
All this worked fine until the

harsh discipline of price com-

costs and improve quality, and in particular between highthey found they could often skilled jobs that are not comachieve both by shifting work monly outsourced (top execu-

The reason business executives outsource is because they can't look a janitor who's been with them for 15 years in the eye and explain why he'll garn So and get no medical benefits

going forward, rather than \$12 he now gets with the same med- erage of \$2,500 a year.

maker Mattel Inc. operate none their own axles, television net- of their own factories, for exworks produced their own ample - in each case limiting their focus to product design

sourcing appears to have belped equalize pay, at least for common job categories. The gap harsh discipline of price com-petition was meted out to one industry after another. Sudden-ly, desperate managers began to cast about for ways to reduce between what secretaries earn at IBM and what they earn else-where is closing, as workers who earned "rents" have watched them evaporate. between what secretaries earn

economist at Boston University, recently analyzed wage data in 21 occupations from 1985 to 1993 and found wage differ-

But according to another re-cent study by Katharine G. has been to widen income gaps, winner-take-all markets.

rives, for example) and low-skilled jobs that are (janitors).

As part of its companywide pay reevaluation, IBM recently announced that to attract and retain top talent it was raising the pay of its 28,000 programmers and engineers by an av-

At the same time, IBM was laying off programmers at its . facility in Boca Raton, Florida, The footwear maker Nike who earned about \$40 an hour. loc., the clothing maker Bugle oursourcing the work to a company that paid \$28 un hour to its ! programmers, some of them brought over from India on special work visas.

It is just this sort of flexibility in labor markets that distin-guishes the U.S. economy from industrial competitors, and it has given the United States unemployment rates that are half the official jobless rates in Europe —and well below the unofficial

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To receive and adopt the Management Report of the Directors for the year to 30th September 1995. To receive and adopt the Report of the Auditor for the

year to 30th September 1995

To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the year to 30th September 1995.

To appropriate the earnings To grant discharge to the Directors in respect of the

execution of their mandates to 30th September 1995 To receive and act on the statutory nomination for election of the Auditor for a new term of one year.

To transact any other business The resolutions will be carried by a majority of those present or

The Shareholders on record at the date of the meeting are entitled to vote or give proxies. Proxies should arrive at the Registered Office of the Company not later than twenty-four hours before the Meeting. The present notice and a form have been sent to all shareholders on

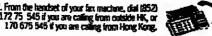
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Jorge Cadete of Portugal celebrates the 3-0 victory over Ireland in Lisbon that secured a spot in European Championship finals. Cadete scored the third goal.

# Qualified Joy for Dutch and Irish

# 14 Teams Advance; Two Must Play Once More

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribuni

OTTERDAM - The Dutch were celebrating their passage to England after Wednesday night's 3-0 beating of Norway, their lion mascot running a victory lap with the Union Jack in paw. They sobered quickly when they learned that their first match will be next month, not next year, the opponent will be Ireland, and the stadium at Liverpool might hold 30,000

This is the penalty for the Netherlands' defeat at Belarus last June. It left the 1988 European champion — bereft of its old. famous names — needing to upend the Group Four leader, Norway, just to reach the playoff at Anfield on Dec. 13.

Fourteen other countries qualified Wednesday alongside the host England for the European Championships next summer, including most of the age-old contenders plus Denmark, the surprise 1992 champion. The 16th and final spot will go to either Ireland or the Netherlands, the runners-up with the worst record among

the eight qualifying groups.

Ireland, a 3-0 loser to the Group Six winner, Portugal, backed into the playoff when Northern Ireland knocked out thirdplace Austria, 5-3, in a rainstorm in Belfast. The North has been good to the South: Two years ago, the Republic won the final qualifier in Belfast to advance to the World Cup finals. Ireland went out, 2-0, in the World Cup round of 16 to the Netherlands in Orlando. The Irish won a World Cup warm-up at Tilburg last year, but they have not beaten the Dutch in the big tournaments since 1980 - a run of six winless matches.

Yet Ireland's manager, Jack Charlton, looked as if he would have little trouble ignoring all of the evidence against him. home game for the Irish. They will hope for recoveries from Roy Keane. John Sheridan and their captain, Andy Townshend, after all were absent Wednesday; but they will have to do without the suspended striker Niall Quinn, whose absence from the World Cup finals (as he recovered from

knee surgery) was glaring.

The Irish had appeared secure last April when they beat Portugal at Lansdowne Road, but they took only one point from their next three games, including an embarrassing draw with Leichtenstein.

"We're lucky to be in it," said Charlton, where folled Jesleyd County has been expended.

whose fabled Ireland career has been extended at least one more game. He has been hinting at retirement in his 10th year on the job, and the Boston franchise of the new U.S. soccer league has been courting him, for obvious reasons. As the Irish golfer David Feherty said before entering a tournament in Boston: "It's just like the Irish Open, except there are more Irish people in Boston."

NFIELD held another playoff for the European Championship in 1977 after Scotland and Wales tied in their qualifying group. Scotland won, 2-0, helped hy a penalty when the referee mistakenly punished the wrong team for a hand ball. Italy, based on improvements since its

loss at home to Croatia a year ago, has been made the early favorite for next June. The World Cup runners-up would seem to have the best chance among the traditional powers as Coach Arrigo Sacchi has settled (fi-

nally) on a closely-knit team driven by Demetrio Albertini and lacking the anchor, both good and bad, of Roberto Baggio. The Italians appear to have done a better joh of including Portugal's three second-half Italians appear to have done a better joh of goals. After all, Anfield should feel like a rearming than has Germany, though the 1992 finalists did win Group Seven with a

vengeful 3-1 victory over Bulgaria.
The Russians have been difficult to gauge, given the weakness of their group; likewise the Spaniards, who made a good qualifying run but have yet to prove themselves in a major final, although they were unfortunate to be eliminated by Italy in the

NGLAND, the automatic qualifier as bost, has been mired in a routine of low-octane friendlies. England might be the team worst-suited to such a predicament. It traditionally care little about style and everything about winning, but for two years it has been trying to achieve a style it can't articulate against unenthused opponents. Without a league table to tell the English right from wrong. doubt has been all around.

A trend of the 1990s has seen Denmark and Bulgaria qualify for the finals on luck as much as anything, then pick up speed undetected all the way to the European title (Denmark) or the World Cup semifinals

The Group Four winner, Croatia, which has never played in a major final, and Portugal, winner of Group Six, a young team whose players have grown up win-ning two World Youth Cups together, are both gifted teams. Either might be the winner next summer. So too might be the contender with the greatest odds of all to beat. That would be the Dutch.

# WORLD ROUNDUP



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England's Graeme Hick cutting for four to bring up his century.

# **England Fights Back**

CRICKET England recovered from a wobbly start in Pretoria to reach 221 for four wickets at the end of the first day of the first test against South Africa.

The tourists were 64 for three early on, but Mike Atherton and Graeme Hick added 142 for the fourth wicket. Atherton made 78. Hick was 105 not out at the close. (Reuters)

### Mistrial in King Case

BOXING A federal judge declared a mistrial Thursday when the jury in the trial of the hoxing promoter Don King on insurance fraud charges said it was hopelessly deadlocked. U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence

McKenna ruled after hearing from the jury in its fourth day of deliberations. King was accused of faking an io-surance contract with Lloyd's of Lon-

don to collect \$350,000 in nonexistent training fees for a fight involving Julio César Chavez that was canceled in 1991. King, one of the most powerful men in boxing, would have faced a maximum 45 years in prison and \$2.25 million fine it convicted on all nine

There was no word on whether King would be retried on the charges. (AP)

### Oilers Agree to Move

FOOTBALL The Houston Oilers owner. Bud Adams, signed an agreement Thursday to move the NFL team to Nashville, Adams and Nashville's mayor, Phil Bredesen, had agreed in a 50-page document that lays out the city's \$292 million plan to relocate the

# Peace in Australia

RUGBY LEAGUE The Australian Rugby League has begun talks with the rebel Super League, a creation of Rupert Murdoch, the media tycoon, to seek a compromise in their bitter fight for control of the sport, said Keith Arthurson, the chief executive of the Australian league.

He said the clubs still loyal to the ARL had given the body permission to negotiate with News Limited, the local arm of Murdoch's empire. (Reuters)

### **Brolin Joins Leeds**

**SOCCER** Tomas Brolin left Sweden on Thursday for England to join Leeds for a record fee. Lars Peterson, his agent, said. Peterson gave no financial details but said the transfer would make Brolin Sweden's most expensive player.

IN NEW YORK

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# Enqvist's Star Rises to No. 8

By Christopher Clarey Special to the Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — He is the latest in a long, not-always-quotable line of Swedish tennis stars, but Thomas Enqvist is hardly a chip off the old block of ice.

He is no agile, top-spinning baseliner like Bjorn Borg or Mats Wilander with wile and guile to spare. No damn-the torpedoes netrusher like Stefan Edberg with volleys out of a Harry Hopman instructional manual. - Enqvist might have the good looks and tax-free. Monte Carlo address of his predecessors, but he has a style all his own: a style perfectly in tune with these high-tech, high-velocity times. Simply put, the 21year-old from Stockholm crushes the ball. He crushes his first serve. He crushes his

Thus far at the ATP Tour World Charnpionship, he has crushed some highly respectable opposition. First to fall was seventh-ranked Jim Courier on Wednesday: 6-3, 6-2 in one hour and nine minutes. On Thursday, it was the fourth- ranked Michael Chang's turn to suffer in this round-robin event as he lost, 6-1, 6-4, in precisely one hour. An hour is usually how long it takes Chang, a renacious opponent, to finish one set, not two.

'Ohviously, this is kind of his breakthrough year. 'Chang said of Enqvist.' Everybody knew that he was very much an upand-coming kind of rising star. I think only time will tell whether or not he is going to be able to sustain it season after season.

Enqvist, who already has qualified for Saturday's semifinals, was labeled a rising star in 1991, the year he won the Australian and Wimbledon jurior titles. The following year, his first as a pro, he climbed 166 places

in the rankings, winning a tournament in Bolzano and finishing the year at No. 63. He was only 18. But as has often happened in recent years with the world's top

year he had surgery on his left knee in March and on his right knee in November.

This year, under the tutelage of the former Swedish top-tenner Joakim Nystrom, Enqvist has lived up to his nation's tennis tradition, soaring from 60 in January to eight on the eve of this tournament reserved for the top eight players. Conveniently for Sweden, where the sport has been losing sponsors and television spectators, Enqvist's rise comes at the same time the 29-year-old Edberg has fallen from the top 20.

'I remember when I was a kid, you could watch a lot of tennis on TV; we had four or five top-10 players," Enqvist said. "You could almost watch every week, and that helped you get interested in the sport."

Unfortunately for Enqvist, Swedish television is not broadcasting this tournament, a satellite dish will have seen a lot to admire

the last two days. Enqvist's first serve percentage has been hovering above 60 percent, and not because he is spinning the ball into play. What he lacks is forward mobility and an ability to change his game when his big groundstrokes start landing long instead of on the lines. Tightly angled balls and approach shots still give him difficulty. His volleys also need

What bodes well for his future is that, despite such weaknesses and a relatively poor performance in the Grand Slam events this year, he already is No. 8 in the world.

"I am just so excited to be here," Enqvist said. "I think it's good for my tennis to compete with the best players in the world. I am going to learn a lot from this week." For the moment, however, it is Engvist who is giving the lessons.

■ Muster and Sampras Lose In other ATP matches Thomas Muster lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 to Jim Courier, That means Pete Sampras must finish the year juniors, Enqvist lost momentum. Tendinitis ranked No. 1. Sampras celebrated by losing in both knees was part of the problem. Last 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 to Wayne Ferreira. (Reuters)



Crushing victory: Thomas Enqvist defeated Jim Courier in Frankfurt, 6-3, 6-2. ing proposal to the players' representatives.

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# **Barry Larkin** Is Surprise Pick For NL's MVP

The Associated Press

Barry Larkin of the Cincinnati Reds was the surprise choice as the National League's Most Valuable Player, becoming the first shortstop to win the award since Maury

Larkin, who hit .319 with 66 RBIs and 51 steals and is likely to win his second straight Gold Glove next week, received 11 first-place votes and 281 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America, Dante Bichette, whose 40 homers playoff spot, got six first-place votes and 251 points. Greg Maddux, 19-2 for World Series champion Atlanta, received seven first-place votes and 249 points.

 The former New York Yankees manager, Buck Showalter, signed a \$7 million. seven-year contract to manage the Arizona Diamondbacks when the franchise enters the league in 1998.

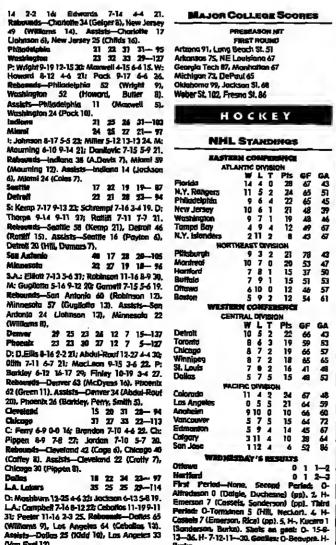
 The Cleveland Indians exercised their 1996 options on pitcher Orel Hershiser and outfielder Albert Belle and a 1997 option on reliever Jose Mesa. Belle will make \$5.5 million next season and Hershiser \$1.5

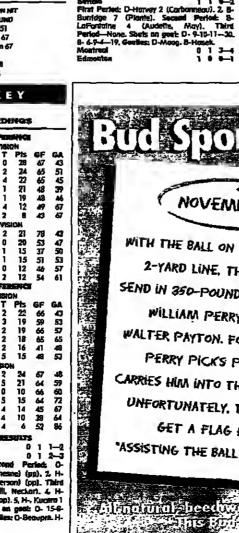
million. Mesa's base for 1997 is \$900,000. Hershiser, 37, has said he might retire instead of playing for \$1.5 million.

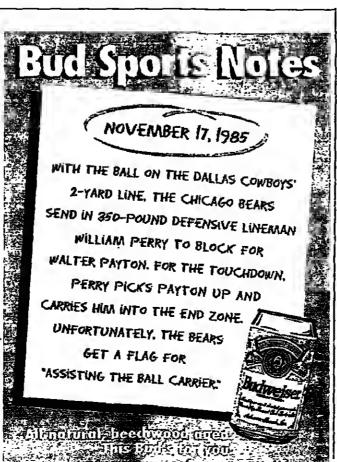
• The Oakland Athletics were to announce Thursday that Art Howe, Houston's former manager, will be their new

 Baseball owners and players met Wednesday in New York for their first formal bargaining session since the 234-day player strike ended 227 days ago. Randy Levine, the owners' new chief labor executive, presented a new collective bargain-

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# **SPORTS**

# Pistons' Rookie Awakes Ratliff Scores 21 to Top SuperSonics

The Pistons' rookie Theo Ratliff, who hadn't had more 2:42 of the third overtime. than eight points or eight refive games, came off the bench snapped a 14-game losing to score 2t and help the Pistons streak in Phoenix, where they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics, last won on April 11, 1988.

### NBA ROUNDUP

94-87, in their third successive from Joe Dumars.

Otis Thorpe had 27 points and 12 rebounds, while Lindsey Hunter scored 19. Shawn Kemp had 23 points and 21 rebounds Scattle, and Detlef Schrempf had 19, with 16 coming in the first half.

The Pistons trailed, 49-43, at the half but charged into the lead with a rally late in the third

Jazz 102, Celtics 90 Another rookie, the Celtics' Eric Williams, shone in Boston.

pressed by Williams, whose scoring streak cut the Celtics' seven-point deficit to 81-78 with 7:47 to play. Then Malone the Rockets, hit one of two foul came back into the game and extended the Jazz's lead.

Nuggets 137, Suns 127 Denver won its first game of the eason after six losses, but needed three overtimes to do

and Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf Edwards scored 14 of his 21

Abdul-Rauf had 30 points bounds in Detroit's previous and 20 assists as the Nuggets Charlotte.

Charles Barkley led the Suns with 29 points, and Elliot Perry and A.C. Green had 18 each. Spurs 105, Timberwolves 96 victory, despite just four points Vinny Del Negro scored 10 points in San Antonio's deci- his 1,500th NBA game. sive 16-4 burst in start the second half.

> points in just 29 minutes and Avery Johnson had 13 assists for the Spurs, who improved their overall record against Minnesota to 28-3

Rockets 96, Reptore 93 Robert Horry's buzzer-beating three-pointer sent Toronto to its seventh straight defeat.

Trailing, 53-42, at the half, the Raptors slowly chipped Karl Malone, who scored 34 away at Houston's lead, going points for New Orleans in the up 93-92 on Tracy Murray's fourth quarter, came away im- two free throws with 53 sec-

onds left. Hakeem Olajuwon, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds for shots to make it 93-93 with just under 40 seconds remaining. A Raptors turnover gave the Rockets posession with 19.9 seconds to play, and Clyde Drexler set up Horry's winning

Note 90, Hornets 79 Kevin points in the fourth quarter

made three-pointers in the first points in the third quarter to help New Jersey overcome a 14-point deficit and defeat

> The Nets held the Horners to nine third-quarter points and 27 in the second half. Charlotte has lost all five road contests.

Glen Rice, Kendall Gill and Dell Curry each had 15 to lead the Hornets. Robert Parish started at center for Charlotte in Buffets 127, 76ers 95 Wash-

ington cruised to its most lop-David Rohinson scored 30 sided victory in two seasons, getting 26 points and 10 assists from Robert Pack in a rout of Philadelphia. Juwan Howard scored 2t

points for the Bullets, who didn't trail after the opening two minutes Pack was 9 for 17 from the field and made all six of his free

Pacers 103, Heat 97 Indiana had only eight players, but one of them was Reggie Miller, and that made the difference.

Miller scored 10 consecutive Indiana points in the final 6:10. The Pacers were without their injured center Rik Smits, forward Derrick McKey and four players suspended following a

Miller scored 13 of his 24 ly winless team.

points for the visiting Cava- Cedric Ceballos had 31 points opening period. Jamal Mashliers, who tied a club record and 13 rebounds to help Los with eight three-pointers in a Angeles remain undefeated at

Lakers 114, Mavericks 97 controlled the game from the third period.

burn led the Mavericks with 32

The Lakers, who played five the way back from a 20-point kept Cleveland the league's on- against the Bulls, who were 8 of their first seven games on the halftime deficit with 15 points road and lost their first four, in a five-minute span of the

Avalanche Tumbles To Scrappy **Ducks**, 7-3

The Associated Press The wrong team got buried by an avalanche.

Reversing a recent trend, the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim stopped the Colorado Avalanche's 10-game unbeaten streak with a 7-3 rout Wednes-

first period like we usually do.

and they got a couple of quick goals," Colorado's scoring was the key.

The Mighty Ducks were clinging to a 4-3 lead late in the second period when Todd Krygier split two Colorado de-fenseman at the blue line and scored with 3:25 remaining off

a pass from Peter Douris. Leading the Mighty Ducks was Alex Hicks, who had two

ing the right opportunity for him, and boy, it worked great," Coach Ron Wilson said. "Now, Coach Ron Wilson said.

New York, Dominik Hasek had 29 saves, and Randy Burridge and Pat LaFontaine each scored a goal to lead the Sabres past Dallas.

sive rhythm throughout the game, with the Stars generating 30 shots compared to the Sabres 19. Andy Moog had 17 saves for the Stars, winless in their last seven games. Todd Harvey's goal 2:20 into the first period opened the scoring for Dallas.

lot of those close games with this hockey club," the Sabres' coach, Ted Nolan, said, "You have to have confidence in your

the final period as Montreal won its third straight road game. . . . Edmonton's goaltender, Bill Ranford, robbed Petrov once, but couldn't do it twice as the

Petrov also added an assist on the Canadiens' third goal, at 11:44 by Vincent Damphousse: Damphousse added an emptynet goal at 19:33 of the final period.

"The Oilers had some pretty cither way.

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Miami forward Kevin Willis grabbing a rebound from the Pacers' Antonio Davis in a game won by Indiana, 103-97.

against the NBA's top-ranked

defense. bench-clearing fight with Sacramento last Friday — Dale tie Pippen scored 27 points and half. Cleveland's 10 threes in home Davis, Adrian Caldwell, Duane Michael Jordan 20 as Chicago the game tied the most ever The Ferrell and Travis Best.

Terrell Brandon scored 22

for 12 from three-point range.

He nearly brought them all

# Drug Violation or Dirty Pool? U.S. Swimmer Contends It's a Frame-Up

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

ROSLYN, New York - The county pool at suburban Christopher Morley Park is Olympic-sized, the Swimming, the sport's national govsame size Jessica Foschi's dreams eming body, immediately rewere before she was accused of trying to achieve her athletic goals the ate, and its board of directors will dirty way, by beefing up her freestyle strokes with an obscure anabolic steriod from the black market.

practice laps here, splashing dutifully alongside her teammates some 30 hours each week, but suddenly this is governing body, will impose its own the only pool where she is welcome: "two-year suspension. Somehow she has become famous before she has become a champion.

third-place finish in the 1,500-meter freestyle, but also over the unusually rather than a two-year suspension imposed by a United States Swim- States Swimming.

shouldn't exist anymore, but I'm decision," said John Collins, who skeptical about throwing her out for two years when this could have been a one-time thing," said one of the review-board members, Jill Sterkel. "I don't think she knowingly took cision, he considered Foschi "a le-

it." Sterkel, a four-time Olympian, advocated probation over suspension after Foschi, her parents and her

coach passed a polygraph test. Nevertheless, United States nounced the penalty as inappropriconvene in December to reconsider the ruling made by its own review board. Moreover, Carol Zeleski, the Foschi, who is 15, still does her president of United States Swimming, said she was "95 percent sure" that FINA, the international

The timing of the incident could hardly have been worse. The United She is the leading lady in an States has zealously endorsed the Olympic-sized scandal not only over two-year bans given to a slew of her failed drug test at the Summer Chinese swimmers who tested poswhere she tested positive after her ation plans to press FINA for stricter anti-doping legislation later this month in Rio de Janeiro. Foschi's light penalty - a two-year probation test and penalty have proved an illtimed embarrassment for United

ming board of review. "The swimming community
"Her times from the Nationals thinks the probation was a ridiculous coaches a national champion, Cristina Teuscher, at his swim club in Larchmont

Collins said that before the de-

gitimate contender" for the 1996 her system, our rules tell us she has Teuscher, in a meet at Christopher Long Island Aquatic Club, the com-Olympics. Long Island Aquatic Club, the com-to be suspended for two years," said Morley. Amid stares, glares and in-ty-owned pool's sole winter tenant, Distraught but unapologetic, Fos-

chi has been allowed by her father and her lawyer in make only one public statement on the subject. "I have never taken any steroid or any other banned or illegal drug," she

The consensus is that Foschi should receive the same two-year ban imposed on seven Chinese swimmers.

said. "Anyone who knows me knows I would never cheat, he or do anything dishonest in or out of the pool.

Her ion is mai sne framed, whether by an enemy of the tion and Gerry Olsen, a former Unit- Her reputation is elearly endangered United States Swimming program or ed States Swimming vice president, as is that of her frazzled coach, a saboteur with a more personal ax to voting to suspend Foschi. That same Meanwhile, longtime admire a saboteur with a more personal ax to grind, the teenager can't say.

The consensus of the American swimming establishment, which counted Foschi among the top eight contenders in secure an Olympic berth in the 400- and 800-meter freestyle at its team trials next March, is that she should receive the same two-year ban that was imposed on

seven Chinese swimmers last year. 'It doesn't matter how it got into

John Leonard, the executive director of the American Swimming Coaches Association, who said that hundreds of coaches from all over the world had called him to protest Foschi's probation.

we have to protect the clean athletes freestyle, said: "I'm not on steroids, from competing against the dirty and I don't know if she is. "I don't ones, and frankly I don't believe the know what would possess a 15-yearconspiracy angle. If everybody who tests positive for steroids can get out of it by saying they didn't do it, then our whole sport's going to go down the tubes." As far as that board of review decision goes, two members

chickened out.' The board advocated probation in a two-to-one vote on Nov. 3, with Sterkel and Bill Stapleton, a lawyer day, Zaleski said the federation

would appeal its own board's ruling. As the conflict brewed, Foschi kept quiet and kept swimming. She will continue to do so, said her coach, Dave Ferris, until her legal options have been exhausted.

On Nov. 4, just a day after the provided the engineering services penalty was announced, Foschi competed in her usual freestyle events, against usual adversaries like

credulity from her rivals, none of whose arrangement has rankled othwhom confronted her but all of er Long Island swim clubs. whom were shocked to see her back in her racing suit, Foschi carried on.

Tenscher, a New Rochelle High School senior and the 1994 and 1995 "It may sound hard-hearted, but national champion in the 200-meter old to take a drug that stunts your growth, gives you pimples and turns you into a raging crazy person.

terior, Foschi is no longer assured mesterolone had turned up in her that her strokes will carry her in the urine specimen in tests for the 1,500.

Meanwhile, longtime admirers of Foschi's swimming have started to wonder which is the real Jessica Foschi, the tenacious but well-mannered competitor or the alleged cheater. She lives on an Old Brookville estate, attends Friends Academy and has a father so supportive that he

required to winterize the Christoper Morley Park swimming pool.

CALVIN AND HOBBES

THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME NUEN I WAS THO.

WIZARD of ID

A lanky middle-distance freestyler

who was already 5 feet 10 inches (1.77 meters) when she turned 15 last month, Foschi became Ferris's star pupil by winning three freestyle events at the Junior National championships in 1994 and nearly defeating the veteran Olympian Janet Evans in the 800 meters at the 1995 Spring Nationals. At the Summer Nationals in Pasadena, she finished a Though Teuscher beat her in the 400- and 800-meter freestyle, Foschi won a few races in her first meet since the scandal broke.

strong third in the 1,500-meter freestyle on Aug. 4, qualifying for the, Pan Pacific Games in Atlanta the next week. But she withdrew after But in spite of her intrepid ex- learning on Aug. 9 that the steroid ed again, no traces were found.

Foschi's father, Boh, has charged that her case has become "a pawn" of the political dockets of the powers of international swimming. Her lawyer, Mark Levinstein, who previously represented the sabotage victim Nancy Kerrigan, said that United States Swimming has put its own political agenda ahead of the swimmer's legal rights, that keeping the Chinese away from medals is more important in the federation Foschi is the top swimmer for the than Foschi's guilt or innocence.

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eader, Peter Forsberg, said. "We had our chances to tie the game in the second period, but the breakaway that made it 5-3

goals and an assist in his first National Hockey League game. 'It was just a matter of find-

he's got to do it every night, though." es 2, Stars 1 In Buffalo.

Neither team found an offen-

'We are going to go through a team."

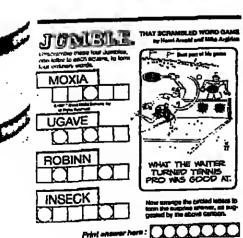
ns 4. Ollers 1 Oleg Petrov had a goal and an assist in Canadiens' right wing scored

the go-ahead goal with six min-

good chances in the second period," said Montreal's coach, Mario Tremblay. "Ranford was outstanding in the first and Patrick was outstanding in the second. That's why it was 1-1, and the game could have gone

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# **OBSERVER**

# Great Lines? Gone

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — For most of fect," which ended "Some this century America has Like It Hot." relied on movies to keep it supplied with great lines. This sential, of course. "Casablansource is now drying up. Less ca" is an entire movie as one talk and more action is the rule unbroken great line. in today's movies.

If it keeps up, Americans may be forced back on that old great-line reliable, William Shakespeare. From the sinking of the Spanish Armada to Al Jolson's "You ain't heard nothin' yet," Shakespeare was the

undisputed king of great lines. Generations went from cradle to grave growling about something rotten in the state of Denmark, asking friends as well as Romans and countrymen to lend their ears, and well, add your own.

Great supplier of great lines though Shakespeare was, the greatest of lines wear thin after 300 years, so when sound burst out of movie screens around 1930, Americans suddenly felt blessed with a bonanza of

brand-new great lines.
Some of the earliest — like the bullet-riddled Edward G. Robinson's asking if this was the end of Rico — seem pretty insipid now. Rico's last gasp is not in a class with Shakenot in a class with Shake- have been pouring bullets at speare's "My kingdom for a him for miles. Such firepower!

In the decades to come every American created a personal collection of favorite great lines. Some, like Bette Davis' "What a dump!" had to be Scott, being the star, has the delivered in an imitation Bette script writers on his side, so is Davis sneer. Connoisseurs worked for years to perfect Bela Lugosi's Transylvanian English in "Welcome - to Castle Drah-koo-la.\*

The age of the 10-second sound bite was prefigured in these new movie-style great lines. Some were just a couple

of words. Cagney's "Top of the world, Ma!" for instance. Joe E. Brown's "Nobody's per-

Brevity was not always es-

It is rare now to hear a great line, long or short, at contemporary movies. What a loss that there are no more great comic lines in the Marx Brothers style. (As when college president Groucho, on being informed that "The dean is waxing wroth," tells his secretary to "have Roth wax the dean for awhile.")

Comic great lines of recent films tend to have a hard, cruel bite in the laugh. In "Rain Man," it's funny when Dustin Hoffman's autistic character says, "Kmart sucks," but it also invites a snobby yuppie sneer at Kmart's low-income

Clint Eastwood's greatest great line — "Make my day" — is so brutal it makes you wonder what ever happened to absurdist pistol humor of the Randolph Scott era.

I recall the white-hatted Scott, around 1938, galloping 20 feet ahead of two dozen heavily armed black hats. They Incredibly, Scott is unscathed. Finally comes a great line.

"No use wasting any more lead on him," says the chief villain, having perceived at last that indestructible. They don't write 'em like

that anymore. In fact, they don't write 'em at all. They just film em wrecking cars and blowing heads off, Smart movies don't talk. They just go bang bang. Chop chop. Bonm.

# Those Were the Days, but Now Music Comes First

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

DARIS — Joan Baez says that dur-I ing the first 20 years of her pro-fessional life, she was "Miss Natural thrived effortlessly.

Then it began to slip. After escalating doubt, on the edge of panic, she consulted a voice coach. He said that if she wanted to go on singing she would have to work hard to learn to control her breath and build her throat and abdominal muscles. As it was, she was literally wearing her voice out.

Fortunately, he was a good-natured chap who did not frighten her more than was necessary. The realization that she knew so little about the technique of singing, and that she would pretty much have to start from scratch, was humbling and scary. But it has been said that learning some-

thing new is essential to a thriving, youthful middle age.

Approaching it as a mantra, she added soul to her fey, folky texture and cooled out her unfunky vibrato and uptight delivery. Her singing might be called reborn now. But there

was a price to pay.

Old friends and fellow fighters on the left accused her of selling out.

During her current European tour, interviewers inevitably asked political accused her beautiful asked political accused in the property of the p ical questions. A French journalist wanted to know why she had changed her priorities. "He was still in the '60s," she said. "I was Joan of Arc to him. He asked me about Doctor King and my trip to Hanoi and on and on and finally I put my hand on his arm not worth having a conversation with and said — my shaky French was I live on a farm with six chickens, a fluent all of a sudden — 'Attention!' rooster and two goats. I feed them and This is the 1990s. I'm trying to live in the present and you're not letting me

She may become active again, but not right away. Her political foun-dation has not shifted. She has disciplined herself to stop reacting to else. contemporary injustice, even to stop feeling guilty about it. Not to say she folk audiences on a 1963 tour. They doesn't care, but she no longer puts the social and political before the

When she was younger she moved

so fast she did not have time to assimilate her experiences: "I did not digest the 13 days I spent in Hanoi. I had no time to let all that in. I kept going for what I believed was right fessional life, she was "Miss Natural but didn't even give myself the op-Talent." Her gift was large. Her voice portunity to feel good about having done it.

She committed herself early against the war in Vietnam, and for civil rights. She would fly from San Francisco to Alabama for a demonstration, play a benefit for the Sandinistas in hetween two one-nighters. There is no energy for all of that any more: "The music survived because of the size of the gift. I can no longer take it for granted. I must pay tribute to the gift.

Boycotting France because of nuclear testing crossed her mind but she realized she did not understand the issue in depth and decided against it. Her two nights at the Bataclan theater in Paris were SRO. She limited her expression of outrage to singing (in French) "Monsieur le Président," an anti-war song by Boris Vian.

Considering differences between Old and New World audiences, explaining her greater popularity in Eu-rope and why she is signed to an independent British record company, she recalled a joke she was told in Turkey: "What's the difference between yogurt and the American people? Yogurt has a living culture."
She finds another difference

conversation, and the lack of it. "I don't want to sound snide," she said. "I don't exactly seek out conversation when I'm home. I'm probably breathe the air and lonk at my oak trees. I'm not an intellectual. I'm not well-read at all. At this point in my life, when I ask myself what I'm here for, the answer has more to do with the heart, with music, than anything

She introduced Bob Dylan to her drifted apart when he drifted toward rock. Later she enlarged her folk said").

repertoire to include enlightened pop songs by the likes of Dylan. Tim.

Then came a songwriting block.

poetry. I'll think of something." He "Excuse me. I should stop now. I booked a tour. A concert in April have to save my voice for the consongs by the likes of Dylan. Tim.

She was "paralyzed by structure." 1995 at the Bottom Line in New York cert."



Joan Baez, "Miss Natural Talent," has learned to save her voice.

Hardin, Leonard Cohen and U2. She and told her manager that she just wrote songs of her own, including the autobiographical "Diamonds and Rust," about her relationship with Dylan ("my poetry was lousy, you performance, he said: "Go write your must have done something right...

PEOPLE

was taped and released as "Ring Them Bells."

This solved a big problem. Virgin Records had dropped her when her previous album, "Play Me Back-wards," which she considers one of her best, did not sell fast enough. She has been making records for 37 years; they sell slowly, like jazz, but they keep selling. Accountants and lawyers who run multinational record companies have no patience with slow-moving product. They don't give it more than something like three

And so Baez signed what she de-scribes as an 'absolutely appropri-ate' contract with Guardian Records. And you get the feeling that her life in general is absolutely appropriate: Whatever my flow of creation is, I

can go in that direction."

If she decides to do something else in five years, then at least it will be "the decision of a whole person, not a puppet mouthing someone else's ideas. I used to be so unaware of my own motivations. With all of that energy, I could have turned into some sort of homicidal maniac. I was on automatic pilot, moving for the sake of movement. I was lucky, though. I'm so very happy I went in that particular political direction. It was a caring and compassionate direction.

The only one I didn't have enough compassion for was myself.

"I'm learning, though. On the farm, my son Gabe and I talk about the extraordinary life we've led. He's 25. He fell in love with African drumming and now he's going to Guinea to study it. With such anti-military parents, and with, you know, that full-fledged generational rebellion we see all around us, he could be a captain in the Marines by now. God bless his beatt he steps into the course in heart, he went into the cosmos in-

"I have some liberal friends whose son is somewhere to the right of Genghis Khan. They totally accept this brat, who drives in the stake every time he has the chance. So I guess I

"Excuse me. I should stop now. I

New York and Philadelphia. The first speech is Friday at Harvard University in Cambridge. Tickets are definitely still available.

Paul Keating, a checkout clerk at a London supermarket, is to star in a new £3 million

(\$4.7 million) stage production of the rock musical "Tommy."

The 19-year-old, who bears a

striking resemblance to the

show's composer, Pete Town-

shend of the rock band The

Who, made his debut before a

phalanx of photographers. Keating, who leaves the supermarket

next week to begin a one-year

theater contract, competed with

7,000 hopefuls from Britain,

Germany, Canada and the Unit-

ed States to land the title role in "Tommy," first performed by The Who in 1969. Keating seid

he had neither heard the music

nor seen the Ken Russell film of 'Tommy' before auditioning.

The supermarket has promised

him his job back if it doesn't work out, but Keating said: "I

Bruce Springsteen says be's

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### **POSTCARD**

# Apple-Pie America — Disney's New Small Town

By Carol Lawson New York Times Service

ORLANDO, Florida — The sun shines brightly, children bicycle past white picket fences, and in the town square, the American flag snaps smartly in the breeze. It is warm, it is inviting. It is America the Perfect, the land idealized by Norman Producell and Walt Discour.

Rockwell and Walt Disney.
Welcome to Celebration, the Walt Disney Co.'s first attempt at real-life town planning. Celebration, just beginning to go up on 4,900 acres about 10 minutes' drive from for families," where residents can flee the s and inconveniences of moder life and return to "a time of innocence."

Last Sunday thousands of people stood

Europe

temporary Resort for a chance to live in this many styles clustered around a central re-creation of small-town, smell-that-ap-ple-pie America. Of the more than 4,000 tance. Seaside is one such resort complications for a drawing. The winners will be eligible to buy the first 351 homes and rent the first 170 apartments. Occupancy is

expected to begin next June.
The only "homes" to date, on this former cow pasture, are three house-size fake facades. One, a three-story yellow colonial, is the entrance to the sales office. In about eight 4,900 acres about 10 minutes' drive from pisney World, is a community that Disney world, is a community that Disney promotional materials call "a special place homes for all income levels, from \$650 rental apartments to \$895,000 custom-built

in long lines in the Magic Kingdom's Con-traditional small towns with bomes of no question about it.

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

North America

picked up a second, for "Sab-bath's Theater." The first award, in 1960, was for "Good-bye, Columbus," his debut novbusiness district that is within walking diswho attended a Celebration builders' fair to munity in the Florida panhandle: its soul peer at blueprints, 2,600 filled out apmate, Kentlands, is a neo-traditional com-21st book. Tina Rosenberg's munity of 1,700 homes in Maryland. But planning experts say that the size and scope Europe's Ghosts After Commuof Celebration, which is to include a public nism" was the nonfiction winschool, health care center and office park as ner, and Stanley Kunitz won the poetry award for "Passing Through: The Later Poems, New and Selected." The his-torian David McCullough rewell as a downtown with shops and restaurants, make it more ambitious and complex. Total development costs are esti-mated at about \$2.5 billion.

"Celebration is the most important thing happening in architecture," said Vincent Scully, professor of art history at Yale University. "It marks a return of community. Celebration is part of a growing trend of planned new communities modeled after process of the communities have been destroyed, in large part, by the automobile. Celebration attend the ceremony at the Plaza grows out of the way people want to live—Hotel in New York.

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THIRTY-FIVE years after he won his first National

Bonk Award, Philip Roth

"Sabbath's Theater" is his

"The Haunted Land: Facing

ceived the National Bonk Foundation's annual Medal for

Distinguished Contribution to

American Letters. Roth, suffer-

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother underwent a successful hip-replacement operation on Thursday and is making a "good recovery," Buckingham Palace said. The Queen Mother, 95, is expected to remain in the hospital for about two weeks.

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ABC News has won American television rights for the forthcoming BBC interview with Princess Diana, Daily Variety reported Thursday. The Hollywood trade newspaper said the interview had been secured for \$1 million and would run on Nov. 24. Barbara Waiters will introduce the program. Meanwhile in London, Martin Bashir, the BBC journalist who pulled off one of the biggest media coups of the decade, was in hiding as British Sunday newspapers were reported to be offering £75,000 (\$115,000) for a videotape of the inter-

Two errors in Neiman Marcus's 1995 Christmas catalogue have a "Gone With the Wind"



CASTLE TOUR - Prince Joachim of Denmark and fiancée Alexandra Manley in Tondern, after seeing the castle where they will live after their wedding Saturday.

Christmas ornament item 6C - is described as "in- all, tomorrow is another day." spired by the wedding dress Olivia de Havilland wore as Scarlett" in the classic 1939 film. Except it was Vivien Leigh, points out Herb Bridges, a collector of GWTW memorabilia, and the red dress wasn't a wedding dress. But the store is unrepentant. "Our response is that in the grand scheme of life, frankly, my Darden speak in Cambridge and for Excellence in Journ dear, I don't give a damn," said Northampton, Massachusetts, and Telecommunication.

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buff fuming. A "Ruby Scar- Liz Barrett, a spokeswoman. "We are all human and, after

> Christopher Darden's 15 minutes may be up. The Los Angeles prosecutor, who became a household name during the O.J. Simpson trial, is having trouble drawing audiences for his coming four-city speaking tour. For \$25, people can hear Darden speak in Cambridge and

down to the bare acoustics for his next tour. The rocker can foresee only one problem when

his first solo acoustic tour begins on Nov. 26. "When you screw up, there's nobody to blame it on," the Boss said. "But I've been wanting to do this for a long time." Tickets for the tour — 13 shows in seven cities -- go on sale Saturday.

Raul Malo, lead singer of the country group the Mavericks, and his wife, Betty, are the parents of a baby boy: Raul Joaquin Martinez Malo 3d.

Bill Moyers received the 1995 Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism

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